

Dr. + Mrs. Graham.
Mr. Chairman
Fellow Graduates

To renounce a long suspected cliché
and thereby proclaim a truth beyond suspicion;...
"This is going to hurt Dr. Graham a lot more
than it does me."

Tonight I have the wonderful assignment
of making a presentation to him on his retirement
on behalf of the Graduates Association. The
assignment terrifies me. But what it will
do to Dr. Graham is unmentionable.

It is devastating to hear an interpretation
of your life's work which sees significance
in a dimension you always considered
inconsequential, and ignores all contributions
in the dimension you intended to make
your mark in.

I am constrained therefore at this
point to give Dr. + Mrs. Graham some
advice. ~~That~~ Testimonial addresses do
you no permanent harm if you remember
not to inhale.

What sets the aroma of this remembering
is that it is graduates remembering.

as students and graduates we might not have encountered the whole man. But we met up with a whole lot of man.

The Faculty & Community may remember other things. But we remember first of all an educator, who resisted all interference with academic excellence - for both students and Faculty.

How the spirit of this man must have danced up and down; when at Grad's Farewell's year after year, Faculty Toasters climaxed their remarks with the tearful statement "you have not been so much our teachers as our friends."

We remember an educator with a high philosophy of education held through a time when the education field appeared to be doing its best to avoid the basic question of education's role.

As graduates we rejoiced to find that we had as sincerely a recognized educator whose voice was heard in the Forum & debate on the Fundamental issues.

Those of us who are graduates of O remember an educator who was both scholar

and Teacher.

We met a thorough Biblical scholar with a theological position, passionately held: -

- That in itself was kind of unexpected in those days.

- There is a long worn path in the carpet in the Board room, along which Dr Graham regularly paced having abandoned his seat before his precious notes the better to cut and thrust at such fellows as Welhaven et alii.

- as for the teacher, there is almost a generation of ministers in Manitoba conference and say of Dr Graham.

"He opened for us the O.T."

As well as an Educator, we remember a churchman. Indeed we begin to understand the man when we understand just that combination that was spoken at the Dedication of the new Building "The Glory of God & The advancement of sound learning." The Glory of God + Sound learning does not be separated. Satan will possess both religion & learning unless their union is indissoluble.

We also remember a warrior:

he one promotes the church's stake in education with oil resistance, from both camps. Some people take resistance calmly. --- We remember a warrior! I can remember Backus and of the office of the princely with my clothes smelling of powder burns. ---

I want here to quote a word of my Dad's
----- "Jack, if I had my life to live
over again -- I'd be a Fighter"

Of this there will be no disputing
"If Butch Graham had his life to
live over again -- he'd be a Fighter"

We also remember a Pastor:

Chapel service → spoken to the
heart of students: -

concern, Faith the same yesterday, today
and forever
- speak to the hour.

remember the summer either the last long
watch at the bedside of a student
who had lost his courage to live.

I remember a friendly personal note
written to me when my mother died, in which
the O.T. Prof. & Dian remembered on a hard how our
since his own mother's death his thoughts
to God, himself & mother always

loving & wonderfully united.

although we were less aware of it.
 we remember an administrator:-
 carrying a burden we only glimpsed.
 Employees of the war faculty weren't
 sure whether their pay cheques
 would bounce.

as goods we watched in amazement
 as the ^{new} Building went up, and as the
 college continued to make the tremendous
 contributions it does - under the constant
 financial strain.

Of course from the outside we can
 never know who and how many contribute
 to this remarkable achievement.

But.

We cannot help but identify the college
 with the remark:-

Here surely is something the
 man himself has done! It is surely
 his most characteristic characteristic
 - this self identification with the College.

How does a man, coming in from
 what Dr. Riddell used to call the "outside
 world" become that identified?

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and having given of a health - and
self-consuming life-time, how does
he quit? - ^{I'll tell you how to get it}
^{identified & how to get it}

In The Faith That he himself
then as now is in the hands of Him
to whom the Psalmist Prays
-- "Establish Thou the work of our hands
^{upon us}
Yea the work of our hands, establish Thou
it."

We are just a group of Graduates
remembering a reminder in his retirement
But we are
no ordinary Goods } we are a
no ordinary institution } peculiar people
no ordinary Prince.

one of the distinctive elements of our
community is that we are a Group
of Believers :-

Therefore: This presentation to your sir
~~and institution~~, is a symbolic act.

Whomely you and the patient gracious
lady who shared your love these years
may be confirmed in the Faith.

"your labour is not in vain in the Lord