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22 July 1988

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall, Sr.
44 Park Street
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Dear Mr. Raddall:

As you heard informally from your son, Acadia University wished to recognize your contribution to local and Canadian literature by the award to you of an honorary degree at its fall Convocation in 1988. The university Senate had formally recorded its approval of the award of this degree.

I understand from Mr. William Parker that you feel unable to accept the degree at this time. This decision is a grave disappointment to me and your many admirers at Acadia, but we respect your decision in this matter.

However, I believe that it is appropriate that I should record the deep respect in which your life and work is held at Acadia and to thank you for the enjoyment and entertainment brought to thousands of Canadians, particularly Nova Scotians, as a result of your imaginative and fascinating stories and literary sketches.

I am pleased to note that an Acadia professor, Dr. Alan Young, prepared a comprehensive bibliography of your works. I also treasure the memory of an evening at Mersey Lodge when you read one of your early short stories. I take particular pride in having chaired the examining committee of the Thomas H. Raddall Essay Prize since its inception.

Should you, at any time, change your mind as regards receiving an honorary degree from Acadia, I trust that you or your son would not hesitate to get in touch with Mr. Parker or me.

With personal good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



J. R. C. Perkin
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August 1, 1988

Dr. J. R. C. Perkin,
Acadia University,
Wolfville. N. N.

Dear Dr. Perkin:

Thank you for a very kind letter.

I have a high regard for Acadia, not least because my son and my daughter both found the elements of wisdom there.

However, at my age and in my physical condition I simply could not face the ordeal of a convocation platform, even for an hour.

Your letter is an honour in itself.

I could not wish for more.

With my deep appreciation,

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Raddall



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4 August 1988

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall, Sr.
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Dear Mr. Raddall,

Thank you for your most gracious letter of 1 August in which you indicate the reasons why you do not feel able to receive an honorary degree from Acadia at this time. The kind tone of your letter brings us great pleasure, although we remain disappointed that we will not be able to welcome you here in person in order to recognize your significant contribution to the literature of Atlantic Canada.

I would repeat the sentiments of the last paragraph of my letter of 22 July, namely that the offer of the award of the degree remains open, and should your circumstances and health permit, we would be delighted to honour you on some future occasion.

Thank you again for your letter.

With personal good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. R. C. Perkin
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