



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY  
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 12, 1945.

Dear Mr. Raddall:

It has taken me a very long time to acknowledge your very kind letter and the copy of your article on "Combined Operations 1758". I read it with great interest and profit when it arrived, and it was my intention to acknowledge it immediately. Some things happened then which made imperative demands on my attention, and I put off writing you until a more convenient season when I could do so at length. A man whose profession calls for some familiarity with the experience of St. Paul should have known that it is always dangerous to postpone one's attention to duties, because the "more convenient season" frequently fails to arrive. I shall not attempt to excuse my delay, because any explanation would only be an aggravation of my offence: but I trust that, in the kindness of your heart, you will not hold my failure against me.

I spent a day at Louisburg during the summer, and told my friends there about the article that you had so kindly sent me. They were greatly interested in it, and the Mayor, Mr. Huntington, told me that he had very happy recollections of your visit.

I trust that you will do us the honour of spending an evening with us at our home some time when you are in the city. I shall speak to Andrew Merkel about it, as I understand that he usually sees you when you are here.

As you probably know, I have moved from Pine Hill to Dalhousie. I understand that your sister had a position in the University Office here before her marriage.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

Thomas H. Raddall, Esq.,  
Liverpool,  
Nova Scotia.

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*Christmas Greetings  
and Best Wishes for the New Year*

*President and Mrs. Kerr*

*Dalhousie University*

*Halifax, N. S.*

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I think you have them splashing to my husband since their  
happy Xmas to you all!

Dear Mr. Raddall: just a note to say that  
you have six new "fans". This summer  
we read, aloud, as a family, all your "Pied  
Piper" and "Lambert" stories. I have just  
bought your latest volume as a surprise  
Xmas. gift, and I know we'll have  
many happy hours in reading it. Our  
family consists of Donald, 20, George 17, Joyce 14  
Moria, 8 and we all enjoy your stories so  
much. Do give us a phone call when you are  
in Halifax at any time. It would give us so much  
pleasure to have you come in for a cup of tea.  
Sincerely,  
Hessie Kerr



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February 12, 1949.

Dear Mr. Raddall:

The Senate of Dalhousie University to-day authorized me to offer you the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, to be conferred at a Special Convocation on Munro Day, March 8. I sincerely hope that you will accept our tribute.

The University regulations require the recipient of an honorary degree to be present to receive it. If you can come to us, would you give the Convocation Address, which need not be too lengthy?

Yours sincerely,

President.

Thomas H. Raddall, Esq.,  
Park Street,  
Liverpool, N. S.

P. S. It is usual for universities to ask that no publicity be given to communications of this kind.



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1329 The Marchant St.,  
May 25/64.

Dear Dr Raddall,

It was most kind of you to notice that Dalhousie honoured me at the Spring Convocation — as it honoured you several years ago. This gives me a nominal claim to stand in the same class as you!

We have a rule in Dalhousie that prevents an honorary degree being given to a member of the Board or teaching staff. There is one notorious incident of a member of the Board resigning, getting his degree, and then returning to the Board! There is no question of such a thing happening in my case. However it was very nice of the Senate to pay me their tribute — especially when the President, if he does his duty, had to make many decisions that are not universally popular.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely  
Alex Kerr