

1225 West 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Vancouver 9, B. C.,  
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Dear Dr. Hall,

I was so pleased to see that you are to be the Saturday luncheon and Sunday morning speakers. I decided I must write and say some of the things I would say to you if I were attending the Silver Jubilee Alumni meetings.

Then yesterday received the Alumni notice which made reference to your retirement in June. And so I write this letter with mixed feelings. I am glad for you that you are going to take time out to do those many things you have had to put aside because of pressure of other duties. But I cannot  
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help but feel sorry for those future Georgians who will not have the privilege of knowing Dr. Hall!

Thinking of the Alumni meetings has brought to mind memories of Sir George. I remember with gratitude your guidance in my selection of courses and your willingness to switch the timetable and for classrooms so "Shirley" could make the most of an evening's attendance at Sir George. I do not think I will ever forget my graduation and our having pictures taken together. Obtaining my degree meant new opportunities were opened to me. But, above all, it was my way of saying thank you to you and to my parents for your encouragement

and your faith in me.

Do you know, Dr. Hall, that course in the History of the YMCA which you gave to Fellowship students and I took one year has meant a great deal to me. Whenever in discussions or conversations about the YMCA, I find I am able to back my feelings for the "Y" with facts I learned in that course.

All this to say "thank you" for practicing what you preach, and preaching what you practice (that too I heard you say to a group of YMCA secretaries). In my daily work where caseloads can be numerically heavy I try to do something which I learned from knowing you - that is to remember that it is the individual that is important and that each person is a child  
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of God.

I hope I have not embarrassed you by writing my heartfelt thanks - I have not written this just because of your retirement. Unfortunately many of us are creatures of convention and wait for an appropriate occasion to say something which could have been said a long time ago.

I will be thinking of you and my fellow Alumni April 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>.

And God bless you as you continue to do His work.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Somaloy