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The following was delivered April 9, 1977 at the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Dr MacRae's ordination.

My purpose this evening is not to attempt the audacity of evaluating another man's life. It is much more modest. I wish merely to sketch some of the outlines of one man's lifetime of service, and to attempt to say something meaningful concerning his impact.

Allan Alexander MacRae was born to John MacRae, M.D., of Calumet, Michigan, and Eunice Jennison of Hartford, Connecticut, on February 11, 1902. The fruit of this union between descendants of Scotch Highlanders and English Puritans showed at an early age his inclination toward scholarly pursuits. In grammar school he studied Latin; and at home he often read the Latin of a six-language edition of the Bible. One Sunday afternoon a Boston preacher visiting Calumet saw Allan and his boyhood chum poring over the Latin text, and was so impressed that upon his return to Boston he proudly informed his fellow Bostonians in a newspaper article that Boston culture was alive and well in Calument, Michigan! And in fact, Allan's home was the hub for the activities of literary clubs,