

DONALDO JOHANNI HAMBRICK
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BACCALAUREO LITTERARUM
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MAGISTRO HISTORIAE
LITTERARUMQUE CLASSICARUM

DOCTORI LITTERARUM CLASSICARUM
STUDIORUMQUE MEDIAEVALIUM

ALUMNO PAEDAGOGO PROFESSORI
AMICO BENEFACTORI

HOC VOLUMEN GRATO ANIMO
DEDICATUM EST

Dr Donald Hambrick devoted his whole life to a humble and completely dedicated study and teaching of Classics, of Ancient and Medieval philosophy and literature, and of history. A student of the Dalhousie Department of Classics from 1951, he took his final degree from us, a doctorate on Aristotle and Dante, in 1998. Friend of its teachers and students for sixty years, from 1989 to 2001, he taught Latin, Ancient, Medieval and Modern history in the Classics and History Departments at Dalhousie, retiring to become our constant and sacrificial benefactor.

Don's primary education was acquired in the public schools of Nova Scotia at a time when they prepared students for university admission standards higher than those now required for graduation. A perfectionist in the Classical languages, Don won the Howard Murray Greek Prize as an undergraduate. After his first period of teaching in Nova Scotia schools, and a year as an exchange teacher at the Lessing Gymnasium in Mannheim, he went on to a MA with a thesis on Zeus in Aeschylus (1968). His next period of teaching in the urban and rural schools of Nova Scotia (and at the Nova Scotia Teacher's College) was augmented by a Master's degree in History from the University of New Brunswick with a thesis on the social and political philosophy of Thomas Chandler Haliburton (1976).

Don returned to teach in rural schools in Nova Scotia until he took early retirement in 1988 to begin the PhD awarded for a dissertation entitled "Aristotle Transformed: Dante and the structure of the Inferno and Purgatorio", which he located in Aristotle's Ethics. So that he could carry on his studies, both as a doctoral student and after, Don took on enormous amounts of teaching for us, for the History Department, for Mount St Vincent University and, in 1992-93 for the Foreign Affairs College, Beijing. There were many years in which the maintenance of the curriculum of our Department depended on his work. Finally, he overworked himself into bad health. Still, his sense of humor never failed. An indication is the final thanks in his Dante thesis which went to his dentist, who, by giving him painkillers for his toothache, enabled him to survive his viva.

A Memorial will be celebrated at St George's Round Church on his birthday, May 18th at which I shall deliver the homily. His wife, Shirley, who cared for him through a long and painful illness asked that his life and love for Dante and the Department be gathered up into "*l'amor che move il sole e l'altre stele*". To no one more than Donald Hambrick is the prayer for the departed appropriate: "Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis".

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