

political groups, and church groups. Having come to Christ at an early age, he set himself the task of reading the entire Bible, often covering 20 or 30 chapters at a sitting.

When Allan was 10, his family went to Italy for several months for the benefit of his father's health. In Rome, Allan attended school in the morning, and in the afternoon he rolled his hoop through the ancient streets between visits to the Forum, the Arch of Titus, the Coliseum, the Appian Way, St. Peter's, the Vatican galleries, and many other sites about which he had previously read. It was probably in Rome that his desire to travel was born.

Soon after the family's return from Italy, Allan's father's health necessitated a move to a warmer climate; and so Allan's high school years, having begun in Calumet High School, were completed in Franklin High School in Los Angeles. During this stay in California, Allan got his first taste of real hiking and mountain climbing, an activity which was to become a lifetime hobby, and would lead to hiking trails and mountain peaks in 30 states and 15 foreign countries on four continents.

In 1918, at the age of 16, Allan entered Occidental College, a fine school with a conservative Presbyterian background, but one which was undergoing a transition to a more liberal emphasis. Allan was at the top of his class, a member of the varsity debating team, editor of the weekly school paper, and a Phi Beta Kappa. He majored in history and minored in English.

In 1922, Allan emerged as valedictorian of his graduating class. In his valedictory, he issued a stirring call for a return to the old faith! When he finished, one college official declared that he would never have another MacRae on the college platform!

Having earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, Allan returned to Occidental in the fall of 1922 to take his Master of Arts degree, which he completed in the spring of 1923.

During the 1923-24 school year, Allan attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, where he studied the Bible under the leadership of Dr R. A. Torrey. After one year at BIOLA, Allan was advised by Dr Torrey to go to Princeton Theological Seminary.