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ACHORN, Edgar Oakes.

Newcastle
1850-1931

LL.D., Lincoln Memorial University, 1910. Born August 20, 1859, Newcastle, Maine. Principal, High School, Whitman, Massachusetts, 1881-1884. Boston University Law School, 1883-1884. Lawyer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1884-. Secretary, Embassy, St. Petersburg, 1896. Trustee, Lincoln Memorial University, Overseer, 1909-.

July 1, 1929

Edgar Oakes Achorn,
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mr. Achorn:

For several years, the Maine State Library has been assembling a Maine Author Collection with the idea of creating here a permanent exhibition collection of books written by persons born in this state, or intimately associated with it. We are sending you a Maine Library Bulletin which contains an article about the Collection, written by Mr. John Clair Minot, at the time it was started, in 1922. We have met with cordial response from the many authors to whom we have written, and the collection of the works of contemporary writers is steadily increasing.

At the recent session of the Maine Legislature a resolve was passed providing for a new State Library building. A feature of the building will be a room devoted to the Maine Author Collection, adequately accommodating the books and with facilities for research work by persons interested in Maine's literary development.

Since Maine has the honor of claiming you as one of her native authors, we wish the privilege of adding your books to the collection. We do not ask you to give us the books - we are very willing to pay for them - but we do ask you to autograph each book, and any explanatory notes relative to the writing of the book which you care to add will greatly enhance its present interest and future value. In connection with the collection we are assembling first hand biographical information about our authors, so will you please send us data about yourself - a photograph, and, if possible, a photograph of your birthplace. We realize that we are asking a great deal, but we hope that your interest in your native state is great enough to induce you to take the trouble of assembling and autographing for us a complete collection of your works.

Will you please send us, when it is convenient for you to do so, the books on the enclosed list, with any others which may have escaped our attention. Please make your bill in duplicate to the Maine State Library.

We shall be very appreciative of your co-operation in making the Maine Author Collection complete.

Very truly yours,

62 Federal St.

Brunswick, Me

July 10, 1929

My dear Mr Dumont:

I received your esteemed
favor of July 1 - when I was in Augusta
Just Wednesday I called upon you to reply
to it. Alas! you were out.

I would go a long way to oblige you but
I am not of enough importance to add any thanks to
your collection of biographical information and
as for a picture I have 'at any of myself or birth
place. Do you mean the house or the town?
No yet no tablet has been placed on the house!

As for books: I have a copy for you of "The
Unknown Quantity". I wrote that and when it
was ready for the publisher I agreed with a Mr
Leak, attached to the publishing house, to take
on his name with mine if he would take with
it. He did so. Do you care for it since it also
carries his name?

The college sent a copy of "Bowdoin in the Civil
War" to the state library. If you want another
I will get one for you. Probably one copy is
enough.

Accept the assurances of my distinguished con-
sideration and believe me,

Yours very sincerely
Edgar O. Nelson

August 14, 1929

Mr. Edgar Oakes Achorn,
Brunswick,
Maine.

Dear Mr. Achorn:

I was embarrassed the other day for not being able to talk with you. If you are this way again, I hope that your experience this time will not discourage you.

I note what you say about the photographs. I am very anxious to secure a photograph of yourself and also one of the house in which you were born.

We shall be very glad to receive a copy of "The Unknown Quantity" even with Mr. Teale's name on it.

Very truly yours,

HD/f

September 30, 1929

Mr. Edgar A. Achorn,
Federal Street,
Brunswick, Maine.

My dear Mr. Achorn:-

We are glad to have a copy of your interesting novel, "The Unknown Quantity", to add to our Maine Author Collection. Thank you very much for sending it to us.

Very truly yours,

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Received.

August 8, 1929 Bowdoin in the World War.
Published by the College

1929

Inscription.

Autograph and date, Au. 8, 1929.

September 20, 1929.

The Unknown Quantity. Marshall Jones Company. Boston 1919
Autographed.

