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AREY, Leslie Brainerd

b. Camden, February 15, 1891

September 19, 1941

Dr. Leslie B. Arey
303 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Arey:

That a name so distinguished as yours should not be represented in the Maine Author Collection is little short of appalling.

The Maine Author Collection, as you may know, is an exhibit of books written by Maine people; and with its components of biographical and correspondence files forms an arresting display of this state's contribution to literature. There are about a thousand volumes in the collection, inscribed presentation copies. The inscriptions are fascinating and original, and add much of interest and value to such an exhibit.

We wish that we might include your books. The omission of these volumes seems to us a serious one which should not be permitted to continue. Although at first glance our appeal may seem brash, you will, we feel certain, perceive the value of such a collection to future students and researchers. The cooperation of our authors has so far been enthusiastic, and we are naturally deeply grateful for their interest and generosity.

We hope that you may want to inscribe and present to the collection your books. It would be not only a great delight to us, but also a great service to the state.

Very truly yours

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THE MEDICAL SCHOOL
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303 E. CHICAGO AVE.

June 20, 1934

Secretary, Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine
Dear Madam:

In going through filed material today I came across a letter which I will enclose, that apparently never got answered - or at least I have no record of any resulting action. May I inquire, at this late date, if you still feature the Maine Author Collection and wish to fill in vacancies? I am indeed sorry that the original letter has remained buried for so long a time.

Yours very truly
L. B. Gray

June 29, 1954

Dr. Leslie B. Arey
303 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Arey:

What a delightful surprise to have a letter from you! Yes, indeed, the Maine Author Collection is a continuing exhibit, a permanent one. It is constantly growing, and will, we trust, keep right on for years and years.

We should still very much like to have your writing included, since you are, after all, a Maine man. Perhaps you do not think of yourself as an author, but anyone who writes a book is an author as far as the collection is concerned, and we deeply regret that any Maine person who has written something should not be included.

May we revive our hope?

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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cc: copy of
letter to Dr. Arey

July 14, 1954

Dr. Leslie B. Arey
303 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Arey:

It is indeed a pleasure to acknowledge the arrival of your book, DEVELOPMENTAL ANATOMY, which you have kindly inscribed for the Maine Author Collection. We add it with appreciation of your interest, and also of the sentiment with which you inscribe it. Is it not true that all native State-of-Mainers remain just that "in spirit", as you say, no matter where their lives may take them?

Thank you very much for making it possible to include your textbook in this exhibit.

Do call at the library and let us thank you in person, if you happen to be in Maine sometime.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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