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Alice E. Modes Correspondence

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MODES, Alice E.

Heeds, England

December 25, 1904

(Resident of Portland since early childhood)

C O P Y

April 7, 1931

Miss Alice E. Modes
78 Lancaster Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Miss Modes,

Our attention has been called to your collection of poems, "If this be Wisdom." We note that you are referred to as "of Portland;" we hope that means that you are a native of Portland, or of Maine, so that we may have the pleasure of adding your name to our list of Maine authors. Will you please send us some biographical data about yourself, something of a more personal nature than a Who's Who item, please.

Very truly yours,

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Attention Marion Cobb Fuller

Dear Miss Fuller:-

Although I was not actually born in Portland, Maine I came here from Leeds, England at such an early age 21 years ago that I feel justified, and proudly so, in calling Maine my native State.

I am the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Modes and was born December 25, 1904. I attended the North Grammar School and was graduated from Portland High School in 1920 as Class Poetess. I began writing poetry while still in the Primary grades and contributed to many juvenile magazines.

At present I work in the dual capacity of business woman and newspaperwoman. I am employed as a statistical clerk with the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters and am also with the editorial staff of the Portland Press Herald. I am particularly interested in juvenile club work and devote my spare time to writing mostly poetry and juvenile plays.

"If This Be Wisdom" is my first book. I am sending a copy of it under separate cover and I do hope you will enjoy reading it.

Yours very truly,
Alice C. Modes.

C O P Y

April 15, 1931

Miss Alice E. Modes
78 Lancaster Street
Portland, Maine

My dear Miss Modes,

Thank you very much for your prompt response to our inquiry about yourself and your book. We are very glad indeed to have a copy of "If this be wisdom" to add to our Maine Author Collection, which includes the work of writers resident in this state during their creative years, as well as of native authors.

I have enjoyed reading your book. It seems to me that your verses show that you have marked ability as a poet and, besides that, you have real ideas. I am very glad indeed that so promising a new poet may be numbered among our Maine authors.

I shall take pleasure in mentioning "If This be Wisdom" in the July issue of our Library Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

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