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TOLMAN, Albert W.

Born at Rockport, November 29, 1866.

Died at Portland, March 5, 1965

PORTLAND SUNDAY TELEGRAM
March 7, 1965

College Mourns Death Of Albert Tolman

BRUNSWICK — James S. Coles, president of Bowdoin College led the college community Saturday in mourning the death of Bowdoin's oldest graduate, Albert W. Tolman, 98, who died in Portland Friday.

"Bowdoin men everywhere are grieved at the death of Mr. Tolman," Dr. Coles said. "His was a distinguished career — both during his undergraduate days at Bowdoin and later as a member of our faculty, as an attorney, and as a writer of hundreds of popular short stories and books.

"For many years until recently, Mr. Tolman proudly led the commencement procession of returning alumni. Although he was unable to attend our commencement last June, he sent us a message which was typical of his deep concern for his college and his fellow man.

"He said 'May Bowdoin's touch of knowledge continue to light the way for future generations.'"

Mr. Tolman was a member of Bowdoin's Class of 1888 and of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

His survivors include his two sons, both Bowdoin alumni. Albert W. Tolman Jr. '25, is a partner in the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., and has been residing in Tokyo, Japan. Edward M. Tolman '27 of New York City, is a member of the technical staff of Bell Telephone Laboratories.

ALBERT W. TOLMAN
471 CUMBERLAND AVENUE
PORTLAND, MAINE

November 16, 1929.

Rev. Henry E. Dunnack,
State Librarian,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Mr. Dunnack:

I am sorry to have kept these books so long. Have been expecting weekly to get to Augusta, and to deliver them in person. As it seems uncertain when I shall be able to come, I feel it better to take advantage of my brother-in-law's kindness, and to send them up today. I hope that you will find the autographs satisfactory.

I would appreciate a postal card, letting me know that you have received the books in good shape. I enjoyed my call on you last spring, and later hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

Albert W. Tolman

November 20, 1929

Mr. Albert W. Tolman,
471 Cumberland Avenue,
Portland, Maine.

My dear Mr. Tolman;-

We are glad to have your
three books back in their places on the Maine Author Collection
shelves. Thank you for the inscriptions, which are exactly
the sort of thing which we had in mind. I hope that we shall
have other books by you to add to the collection.

Very truly yours,