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# Albert S. Foley Correspondence

Albert Sidney Foley 1912-1990

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FOLEY, Albert S

November 17, 1954

Rev. Albert S. Foley  
c/o Spring Hill College  
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

When your excellent biography of Bishop Healey was published, we bought copies for circulation in the library, and noted its availability in the quarterly Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, so that other Maine libraries would be sure to know about the book. It is a fine one, and we are especially glad of its Maine interest.

It is because of that that we write to you now. The Maine Author Collection is a permanent exhibit of books pertaining to Maine, either by virtue of the author's nativity, or because the background or subject of the book is Maine. About two thousand volumes at present constitute this collection, which grows steadily, and constantly attracts visitors and students. The books are mostly inscribed presentation copies, and the inscriptions naturally lend a particular distinction to an outstanding collection.

We know that we cannot claim you as a Maine native, nor can we claim Bishop Healy as a native, but the fact that he was Bishop of the Diocese of Maine, and was for many years here in this state, emboldens us to write to you. If you agree with us that your biography of this distinguished Catholic American would make a most fitting addition to the Maine Author Collection, we shall be most happy to have the privilege of including it.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

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# SPRING HILL COLLEGE

Spring Hill Station  
Mobile, Alabama

November 20, 1954

Mrs. F. W. Jacob  
Maine Author Collection  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

Your communication of November 17 with its news about the receipt of the biography of Bishop Healy at your library was most gratifying. I am also deeply pleased at the invitation it contained to present an autographed copy of the book for the Maine Author Collection.

I shall be happy to inscribe and transmit to you a copy of BISHOP HEALY: BELOVED OUTCASTE for inclusion in the collection. I am sending it under separate cover .

It might interest you to know that Bishop Healy is also being featured in my forthcoming book GOD'S MEN OF COLOR, which is to be published by Farrar Straus and Young in April. He occupies a prominent place in the centenary annals of the Catholic colored clergy of the past hundred years.

Thanking you for the kind comments you made about my book, and wishing you the season's greetings at Thanksgivingtide, I remain

Cordially yours,

*Father Albert S. Foley S.J.*

Father Albert S. Foley S.J., Ph.D.  
Department of Social Sciences

December 27, 1954

Rev. Albert S. Foley  
Spring Hill College  
Spring Hill Station  
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

It is certainly kind of you to promise the Maine Author Collection of a copy of your biography of Bishop Healy, and we look forward eagerly to being able to add it to the exhibit. Inasmuch as you wrote to us a month ago, we think perhaps we should let you know that the book has not yet been received. We do hope that it is merely delayed in the unusually heavy holiday mail.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

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# SPRING HILL COLLEGE

Spring Hill Station  
Mobile, Alabama

January 22, 1955

Mrs. F. W. Jacobs  
Maine Author Collection  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacobs,

Sorry to have delayed the sending of that copy of BISHOP HEALY: BELOVED OUTCASTE, but I was delayed by my desire to have a copy of the fourth printing of the book, which is really the second edition.

Because of the rush to get the book out last spring, and also the rush to get the other printings done while the demand was still high, the publishers had gone to press without awaiting my page-proof corrections.

I was quite chagrined by the amny typos (linotype errors) still to be found in the first printings, and so insisted that the plates be changed in this edition.

Bishop Healy also holds a featured place in my new book which is to be published on March 21. It will be entitled GOD'S MEN OF COLOR, and is a biographical collection of life-stories of the six-dozen colored priests of the USA from Bishop Healy's time to the present.

I am honored by your inclusion of my book in the Maine Author Collection.'

Cordially yours in our common interests,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert S. Foley" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Father Albert S. Foley S.J., Ph.D.  
Department of Social Sciences

February 2, 1955

Rev. Albert S. Foley  
Spring Hill College  
Spring Hill Station  
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

Thank you very much for the copy of BISHOP HEALY:  
BELOVED OUTCAST which has arrived safely, and is being  
added to the Maine Author Collection with warm  
appreciation. We like very much, too, the inscription,  
and are happy that it is possible to include your book  
in the exhibit.

It is interesting to know of your new volume,  
GOD'S MEN OF COLOR, and we are making a note to watch  
for its publication. You contribute to necessary  
understanding with such fine and sympathetic writing,  
and are to be congratulated.

Again thank you, and our very good wishes go to you.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

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