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John Albion Andrew Correspondence

John Albion Andrew 1818-1867

Edith Andrew

Charles E. Mason

Henry Ernest Dunnack 1867-1938

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ANDREW, John Albion.

American statesman, the "War Governor" of Massachusetts; born in Windham, Maine, May 31, 1818; died in Boston on October 30, 1867. He was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1837, and practised law in Boston 1840-61. He was an earnest anti-slavery advocate and defended the fugitive slaves Shadrach, Burns, and Sims. Elected to the State legislature in 1858, was a delegate to the Chicago Convention in 1860, and being nominated governor was elected by an immense majority. He forecast the war, announced in his message the intention to put the State militia on a war footing and privately invited co-operation from other governors. On Lincoln's first call for troops, April 15, 1861, he sent them so promptly that on the 19th of April the 6th Massachusetts shed the first blood of the war in passing through Baltimore, and within a week he had dispatched to the front five regiments of infantry, a battalion of riflemen and a battery of artillery. In 1862 he urged the national abolition of slavery and the enrolment of colored troops, and in 1863 sent out the first colored regiment, 154th Massachusetts; yet he repeatedly interfered to prevent harrying Southern sympathizers by arbitrary arrests, and after the war was foremost in urging conciliation and abstinence, from vindictive or humiliating measures. He was re-elected regularly till 1866, when he refused further honors from pecuniary grounds and **impaired** health, continuing his law practice till death. He was a man of great personal charm and oratorical force, intensely sympathetic and humane, and of simple and frank nature. In religion he was a moderate Unitarian, believing in Christ's supernatural character, and was president of the first Unitarian National Convention in 1865.

Twenty-third
June, 1922.

My dear Miss Andrew;

The copy of your father's speeches, which you presented to the Maine State Library, has been received. This is a gift of unusual value and it is highly appreciated.

We are making a collection of books by people born in Maine, and when the new library is built, there will be a special room for Maine authors. The book you have presented to the State Library is to have a place in this special collection. Would it be too much to ask you to write a note of presentation that I may attach to the frontispiece of your father's book?

We have always been proud that Maine could give to the Mother State of Massachusetts so distinguished a son to serve her in her hour of greatest need, and proud that he did his work with such high intelligence, rare accuracy and supreme devotion.

Under separate cover I am sending to you with my compliments a copy of The Maine Book, which I hope you will find useful for reference purposes.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

by

LIBRARIAN.

Miss Edith Andrew,
260 Clarendon St.,
Boston, Mass.

30 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

June 27, 1922.

State Librarian,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:-

I recently sent to you for Miss Edith Andrew a copy of the addresses to the Legislature of Governor John A. Andrew, You had requested that Miss Andrew write a little note of presentation, which she did, and I placed it inside the front cover of the book. Miss Andrew has just telephoned me that you wrote a very nice letter of acknowledgement of the book, but that you asked again if she would not write a letter of presentation. She is wondering if you overlooked the letter which she wrote, and which I placed inside the front cover, or if you thought that what she wrote was not adequate. She would be very glad to comply with your wishes, if you would indicate just what sort of letter you would like, in case the one which she sent was not what you had in mind. As Miss Andrew has been a little worried as to whether or not her letter was what you desired, I should appreciate it if you could write to her direct letting her know if you found her note, and if it was what you wished. Her address is 261 Clarendon Street, Boston.

Yours very truly,

Charles E. Mason by Clara A. Malloch Secretary.

Twenty-ninth
June, 1922.

Charles E. Mason,
30 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of June the twenty-seventh
was received during Mr. Dunnack's absence from
the office. On his return next week the letter
will be called to his attention.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

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Seventh
July, 1922.

Dear Mr. Mason;

Your letter of June the twenty-seventh has been received. I think perhaps I was a bit hasty in asking Miss Andrew for a note of presentation to be attached to her father's book.

Since receiving your letter I have read again Miss Andrew's letter which was sent to the State Library with the book, and I find, after careful reading, it will answer the purpose I had in mind very nicely.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

by

Librarian.

Charles E. Mason,
30 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

Seventh
July, 1922.

Dear Miss Andrew;

When I acknowledged for the Maine State Library the receipt of your father's book, I asked if it would be too much trouble for you to write a presentation note to be attached to the book. Since writing you I have been reading your letter a second time, and I think it will answer the purpose I had in mind. I have had the note attached to the book.

It has suggested itself to me that possibly I might interest you in our State Library, so that if you had any other items of special interest in literature or art, you would consider presenting them to the Maine State Library.

We greatly appreciate the co-operation, assistance and interest that so many Maine people are taking in the State Library. I beg to assure you we will be very grateful for anything you may be able to do for us in the future. I am sending to you under separate cover a copy of our last Maine Library Bulletin, and have put your name on our permanent mailing list.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

by

LIBRARIAN.

Miss Edith Andrew
260 Clarendon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Andrew, John A.

Addresses and Messages by John A. Andrew, 1860-66.

Boston 19th June
1922.

250 Clarendon Street

To the Librarian of the
Maine State Library:

Dear Sir,

It gives me great
pleasure to give to
the Maine State Library
the accompanying copy
of addresses by my
father John A. Andrew

When He Was Governor
of Massachusetts.

Very truly yours

Edw. Brewster.