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ARNOLD, WILLARD PURDETT

B. Stoneham, Mass., July 27, 1915
Mr. Willard Burdett Arnold
Gorham State Teachers College
Gorham, Maine

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Some months ago we read with interest of your book THE SOCIAL IDEAS OF ALLEN TATE. Apart from the subject matter, the book interested us because of your connection with Maine. We try to keep in touch with all Maine writers and their work; but we shall have to admit that so far we have not found biographical information about you, and we do not know whether we have the pleasure of claiming you as a Maine native, or as an "adopted" son.

Our particular reason for writing in this vein is the Maine Author Collection. You may already know of this permanent exhibit of books by Maine people, about Maine, or by writers closely connected with the state. About two thousand volumes, most of them inscribed presentation copies, comprise the exhibit. The inscriptions are individual and lend distinction to the collection; the variety of books is delightful; and the whole is a collection which attracts the attention of students and visitors, and of which we are extremely proud.

It is a happy moment when we can add a new book to the shelves, and welcome a new author. Shall we be able to do so with you? At any rate, you have our good wishes for the book, and for your subsequent writing.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Willard B. Arnold,  
Fort Hill Road,  
Gorham, Maine  
March 2, 1956

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

In reply to your friendly letter of Jan. 30th, I am sending you a complimentary copy of my book The Social Ideas of Allen Tate.

You will note that this has been personally autographed and I am glad to be of service to you. I am not a native of Maine but I have been teaching English at Gorham State Teachers College here for the past two years.

However I am a native of New England. I was born in Stoneham, Mass. on July 27, 1915 and have lived most of my life in this region, except for a few years in Florida, Oklahoma, and other states.

Sincerely,

Willard B. Arnold
March 9, 1956

Mr. Willard B. Arnold  
Fort Hill Road  
Gorham, Maine  

Dear Mr. Arnold:  

Thank you for your friendly response. The inscribed copy of your book, THE SOCIAL IDEAS OF ALLEN TATE, has been received, and we shall add it to the Maine Author Collection with appreciation of your interest and generosity.  

We wish we might call you a native, but we are glad that you are making your home here now. Do stay a long time, and write some more!

Sincerely yours,

In Charge of Maine Author Collection
GSTC Teacher Is Author Of New Book

GORHAM, July 18—Willard Burdett Arnold of Gorham State Teachers College is the author of a book entitled "The Social Ideas Of Allen Tate," which has been published.

The book is an analysis of the Southern poet and critic when he was a contributor to The Fugitive, poetry magazine of the era following World War I.

It is the second book to be written by Arnold, whose book of poems entitled "The Wind On The Lyre" was published in 1948.

The author has studied at several colleges and universities including Columbia University, Teachers College and the State University of Iowa. For three years he was on the faculty of Oklahoma State University. At present he is assistant professor of English at GSTC.