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ASHBY, GEORGE F.

Fort Fairfield

Ashby, George F., Fort Fairfield, Aroostook County.
Born in Fort Fairfield. Independent, registered as
a Republican. No religious preference. Married.
Farmer. Educated in the schools of Fort Fairfield.
Selectman for two years. Master of Aroostook Valley
Grange for five years. Member of the House 1929,
1931 and 1933. Member of Senate 1935.

FROM Biographical sketches of the
Members of the Senate and House
of Representatives of Maine, 1937.

February 1, 1940

Hon. George F. Ashby
Fort Fairfield
Maine

Dear Senator Ashby:

With great pleasure we have been noticing mention and favorable reviews of your recently published volume, VERSE FROM THE KINGDOM OF PINE. May we congratulate you upon your literary debut, and hope that there may be more books in the future from your pen.

The book has been added to our order list, for we purchase for general lending purposes all books written by Maine persons. We write now regarding the Maine Author Collection, about which you doubtless know. Briefly, it is an exhibit of the works of Maine writers; and we collect also biographical, photographic and critical data. Admittedly, we are building for the future; we do not deny the present interest of such an exhibit, but the future value to students and researchers is inestimable. There are now about a thousand volumes, most of them inscribed presentation copies; and we hope that we are to be accorded the privilege of including VERSE FROM THE KINGDOM OF PINE.

Please accept our best wishes for a successful reception for your book; we are eagerly anticipating the pleasure of reading these poems.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

Fort Fairfield, Maine

Feb. 3 1940

Dear "Grand Father":

Somehow I felt that you might want one of my books of verse for your self and one for the State library.

If this order blank appeals to you, please fill it out for as many copies as you want and return it to me.

The books will come to you direct from the publishers to whome you will mail the check, But since I promised them that I would get them 300 orders, and have 8 or 10 to get yet I want to send the order myself.

Now try and behave, till I get down there again next winter, and keep Lewis and the rest of the crowd streight till I arrive.

Thanking you in advance, i remain,

Very Sincerely,

G. F. Ashby

P.S. I have placed one of these books with a past Governor, the present Governor and a Future Governor, and have received a very complimentary letter from each. The all say it is not half bad considering such an impossiable combination---Farmer, Politician and Poet. G.F.A.

February 5, 1940

Hon. George F. Ashby
Fort Fairfield
Maine

Dear Senator:

I think perhaps the letter that Mrs. Jacob, who is custodian of the Maine Author Collection, wrote to you under date of February 1, must have crossed your letter to me.

You will note that we have added your volume, VERSE FROM THE KINGDOM OF PINE, which is receiving such admirable notices, to our purchase list. We are hoping that you will contribute a copy, inscribed by yourself, to the Maine Author Collection, and join there the many notables of Maine literature who have preceded you.

In the event that your arrangement with your publishers is such as to prohibit the gift of a volume, we shall be glad to buy a second copy and send it to you for your inscription.

I expect to be seeing you next winter, and shall be glad to renew our spasmodic acquaintance.

Yours very sincerely

OLH.J

State Librarian

February 16, 1940

Hon. George F. Ashby
Fort Fairfield
Maine

Dear Senator Ashby:

You are indeed kind to present an autographed copy of VERSE FROM THE KINGDOM OF PINE to the Maine Author Collection, and we are appreciative of your generosity.

We are glad to welcome to the shelves this attractive volume, setting forth so simply and effectively the charms of familiar scenes; and we wish it a successful reception among readers and reviewers.

Please accept our sincere thanks for the exhibit copy.

Very truly yours

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