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## James Phinney Baxter III Correspondence

James Phinney Baxter 1893-1975

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BAXTER, DR. JAMES PHINNEY, III.

b. Portland, Feb. 15, 1893.



February 26, 1947

Dr. James Phinney Baxter III, President  
Williams College  
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Baxter:

SCIENTISTS AGAINST TIME was ordered for our library, and is proving very valuable in our reference work. It is a source of pleasure and pride that the author is a Maine man, for of course we are especially interested in the work of Maine people.

Perhaps you know of the Maine Author Collection, started some years ago, and now comprising about fifteen hundred volumes, inscribed and presented for this purpose. It is the only place where all the works of all Maine authors are gathered and permanently preserved as a unit, and it forms a highly interesting and valuable exhibit. Our files of biographical material, literary reviews, correspondence, and other miscellaneous data contribute information, also. Visitors and students are constantly using the collection, and find the inscriptions of particular interest. Each inscription is original, and lends the distinction of humor, art, verse or autobiographical highlight.

It is our hope that you may want to inscribe your books for the collection. The lack of the work of so eminent a son of Maine is regrettable, and it would give us great pleasure and satisfaction to know that SCIENTISTS AGAINST TIME and THE INTRODUCTION OF THE IRONCLAD WARSHIP were included.

Please accept our good wishes for the further success of your latest book, and our cordial invitation to call at the library and see the Maine Author Collection when you are again in Maine.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection.

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Encl.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE  
WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 3, 1947

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for your letter of February 26. I will be glad to send you copies of Scientists Against Time and The Introduction of the Ironclad Warship for the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours,

*James P. Baxter 8<sup>th</sup>*

March 17, 1947

Dr. James P. Baxter III, President  
Williams College  
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Baxter:

Nothing could give us greater pleasure than your recent letter, promising SCIENTISTS AGAINST TIME and THE INTRODUCTION OF THE IRONCLAD WARSHIP for the Maine Author Collection.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to receiving the books.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

WILLIAMS COLLEGE  
WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 8, 1947

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Under separate cover I am sending you at  
President Baxter's request, a copy of Scientists  
Against Time.

President Baxter has been unable, so far,  
to obtain a copy of The Introduction of the Ironclad  
Warship but as soon as he does so he will forward it  
to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Kathleen O'Connell*  
RL

Secretary to the President

April 9, 1947

Dr. James P. Baxter III, President  
Williams College  
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Baxter:

It is with utmost pleasure that we acknowledge the inscribed copy of SCIENTISTS AGAINST TIME for the Maine Author Collection. It is a fine book, a fine inscription, and a very proud addition to the shelves of writings by Maine sons and daughters.

We rejoice to know that there is still a chance that we may be privileged to include THE INTRODUCTION OF THE IRONCLAD WARSHIP in the collection.

Please accept our thanks for the presentation copy of SCIENTISTS AGAINST TIME, and for your interest in the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

hmj



May 15, 1947

Dr. James Phinney Baxter III, President  
Williams College  
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Baxter:

Congratulations upon the Pulitzer award for  
your outstanding book SCIENTISTS AGAINST TIME.  
We are glad that its excellence has received this  
notable award, and that the author of so dis-  
tinguished a work is a Maine man.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

WILLIAMS COLLEGE  
WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 19, 1947

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for your friendly letter of  
May 15.

The award naturally delighted all of us who  
toiled in one way or another on the manuscript of  
Scientists Against Time.

The best thing about it is that it may make  
more people read the book and find out what a fine job  
the OSRD scientists did during the war. Indeed, since  
it was made, Little Brown and Company has sold rights  
for the republication of the book in French and in  
Hungarian in addition to the English edition they had  
earlier arranged.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*James P. Baxter*

