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CANHAM, Erwin D

b. Auburn, February 13, 1904
Mr. Erwin D. Canham  
6 Acorn Street  
Boston 8, Massachusetts  

Dear Mr. Canham:

As we put the title of your newest book on our order list, we realized that the Maine Author Collection has none of your books. This is a grave omission, which we hope earnestly may be corrected.

The collection is a permanent exhibit of Maine books -- those written by Maine people, and those written about the state. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and over the years they have accumulated to about two thousand books, a rather impressive display of Maine writing, which is of tremendous interest to visitors and students. The inscriptions are as varied as the books, ranging from pen-and-ink sketches to autobiographical notes, and from jingly bits of verse to tributes to the state, or revealing highlights on the writing of the particular book. Whatever the inscription, it lends its special note of distinction, and we are very proud of the collection.

We also gather all possible biographical and critical information, so that we may have complete files on our Maine writers.

Inasmuch as you were born in Auburn, we feel that the collection must be considered incomplete as long as your books are not there. Do you suppose it will be possible for us to look forward to having them?

Best wishes to the new one, MAN'S GREAT FUTURE.

Sincerely yours

hmj  
In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
December 3, 1959

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I am delighted to send you a set of my books for the Maine Author Collection. I am happy to be represented.

Sincerely yours,

Erwin D. Canham

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta
Maine
December 7, 1959

Mr. Erwin D. Canham, Editor
The Christian Science Monitor
1 Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Canham:

The package containing your four books arrived today, and we are indebted to you for the pleasure and undeniable satisfaction of being able, through your generous interest, to add these excellent volumes to the Maine Author Collection.

Accept our thanks, and our continuing good wishes.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Mr. Erwin D. Canham  
1 Norway Street  
Boston 15, Massachusetts  

Dear Mr. Canham:  

You have been generous to the Maine Author Collection, and we wonder if a CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST'S LIFE (with Mr. John's CHRISTIAN SCIENCE WAY OF LIFE) shouldn't be among your books in the exhibit.  

We added this volume to the library on publication, of course, and we hope that you may want to inscribe a copy for the collection. It will surely prove itself a valuable as well as extremely interesting account, and we are glad for the opportunity of adding to the library such an account of lucidity and strength as your CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST'S LIFE.  

Sincerely yours  

hmj  

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
February 14, 1963

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I am very happy to send you an inscribed copy of my latest collaboration. You are awfully nice to want it.

Sincerely yours,

Erwin D. Canham

Mrs. F. W. Jacobs
Maine State Library
Augusta
Maine
February 19, 1963

Mr. Erwin D. Canham, Editor
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Canham:

Again thank you for your interest and generosity to the Maine Author Collection, and for your gracious letter.

We are happy to acknowledge the safe arrival of the new book, and to be able to add it to the collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
March 29, 1967

Mr. Erwin D. Canham
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Canham:

It is always good to welcome a new book by you, and to anticipate the refreshing combination of practicality and compassion which permeates your style.

We hope that an inscribed copy of ETHICS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS will come, in due course, to join your other books in the Maine Author Collection.

Our good wishes for the success of the new book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of Maine Author Collection
April 18, 1967

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

When your letter of March 29 to Mr. Canham came in, we discovered our supply of ETHICS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS needed to be replenished. The books have just now arrived. Mr. Canham is on a brief trip to South America. When he returns the first of May, he will be happy to inscribe a copy for your Library.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Secretary to Erwin D. Canham

Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine 04330
May 25, 1967

Mr. Erwin D. Canham
One Norway Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02115

Dear Mr. Canham:

Again it is our pleasure to acknowledge with appreciation your continuing interest in the Maine Author Collection.

Thank you very much for the copy of THE ETHICS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of Maine Author Collection