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COMAN, Dale Rex

Chairman Pathology Department, University of Pennsylvania Medical School.
Summers in Bar Harbor, Maine
February 14, 1967

Dr. Dale Rex Coman
University of Pennsylvania Medical School
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Coman:

Your PLEASANT RIVER is, of course, in this library, and a highly interesting account we have found it.

Because you are a summer resident, and have written about a Maine river, it occurs to us that this book is one which should be in the Maine Author Collection. As you may know, the collection is a permanent exhibit of books by Maine people or about Maine, most of the volumes inscribed presentation copies. We also gather biographical and critical material, so that we may have as complete information on Maine writers as possible. Visitors and students find the collection of interest and value, and we look forward to enjoying more suitable display space in a proposed new building.

If you agree with us that PLEASANT RIVER should be in the Maine Author Collection, we hope you will want to inscribe a copy for this purpose. It would give us a great deal of pleasure to include your book with the other Maine books.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Mrs. F. W. Jacob  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I shall send you an inscribed copy of Pleasant River as soon as possible and will be happy to have my book included in your collection.

When next in Augusta, I must visit the Library --- it sounds fascinating and I should greatly enjoy looking over what must be a sizable collection. I would guess that Maine is the most written-about state in the Union --- and has produced or adopted a prodigious number of authors of whom I am overjoyed to be included.

Sincerely,

Dale R. Coman, M. D.

DRC:shs
March 7, 1967

Dr. Dale R. Coman
The School of Medicine
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Dear Dr. Coman:

Your friendly response to our letter delights us, and we are happy to report that the flatteringly inscribed copy of PLEASANT RIVER has safely arrived, and captivated us anew. It is such a charming book! One of the nicest sentences in it is: "Go out and look."

Thank you very much for the privilege of adding this tribute in book form to the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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