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Grace R. Foster Correspondence

Grace Ruth Foster 1899-1994

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FOSTER, Grace R

China,
January 28, 1935

Miss Grace R. Foster
Mary Low Hall
Waterville, Maine

Dear Miss Foster:

We have received SOCIAL CHANGE IN RELATION TO CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT IN COLLEGIATE EDUCATION FOR WOMEN, which you have so interestingly inscribed for our Maine Author Collection.

The study undoubtedly exhibits a comprehension and familiarity with your subject; especially do we appreciate the splendid bibliography at the end. May we congratulate you upon the publication of this work, and trust that this will not be the last from your pen.

Thank you for your generosity and interest in our collection. Would it be possible for you to write for us a few biographical paragraphs for our reference files? We are grateful for all such information that our authors are kind enough to give us.

We congratulate you upon the publication of this fine study of curricular development, and express the hope that when you again publish a book, you will remember our Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

Secretary
Miss Hilda McLeod
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

My dear Miss McLeod:

Thank you for your gracious letter. I feel honored to have my little book on the shelves with the distinguished array which your interesting collection represents. You asked for a few biographical paragraphs so below is listed the data which I hope is what you wish:

I was born in Swatow, China, February 6th, 1899. My father was a missionary there for some thirty years, but his home was Waterville, Maine. His father, Dr. J.B. Foster was a professor of Greek at Colby College for many years. He graduated from "Waterville Academy", in 1839, and from "Waterville College" in 1843. My father also graduated from these two institutions. My father liked the West and so bought a home on Puget Sound in Washington state where his six children spent their childhood. Three of us were sent to Maine for our higher education. I graduated from Coburn Institute in the class of 1917, and from Colby College in 1921.

My mother's home was in Buffalo, New York, and for six years after graduation I taught there in Masten Park High School. Dr. Rosdick, the principal, was an enthusiastic summer resident of Maine, as were his sons Raymond and Harry, and that I had come from Maine was a factor I believe in obtaining a valuable position. In 1926 I obtained my M.A. from Columbia University, having attended four summer sessions there. The following summer I spent at Harvard and then for three years was at Columbia University studying for my Ph.D. Two of those years I was fortunate in having a part time position on the staff of the University. In 1930 I came to Colby and have been here ever since, teaching in the department of Education and Psychology, and also Hygiene. I have had articles and poems published in several periodicals. The only book I have ever published is the little volume, "Social Change in Relation to Curricular Development in the Collegiate Education of Women", which is my doctor's dissertation.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Low Hall
Waterville, Me.
February 14, 1935
February 16, 1935

Miss Grace R. Foster
Mary Low Hall
Waterville, Maine

Dear Miss Foster:

Thank you very much for your letter containing the splendid biographical information. Your life certainly must hold interesting memories — material for a book!

We are filing this material for easy reference, and consider ourselves fortunate in claiming such a cooperative author. Thank you, indeed!

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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