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KIDNEY, Mrs. Dorothy Boone
b. Presque Isle
April 8, 1964

Mrs. Dorothy Boone Kidney
Grange Street
Gray, Maine

Dear Mrs. Kidney:

It was interesting to read about your new book of poems for children. We hope that we shall see a copy soon.

It is interesting, too, to discover that we can claim you as a Maine author. The Maine Author Collection is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, and books about the state. Most of the volumes (there are over three thousand now) are inscribed presentation copies, and the biographical and critical material which we gather about our authors combines to make a valuable and complete source of information about Maine authors. The variety of books and inscriptions attracts visitors and students the year round.

We hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy of the new book to be placed in the Maine Author Collection. It would give us pleasure to welcome it. Good luck to the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Mrs. Dorothy Boone Kidney  
Grange Street  
Gray, Maine

Dear Mrs. Kidney:

Thank you very much for the complimentary copy of COME AND SEE, which we are happy to add to the Maine Author Collection.

It is a charming little book, and the illustrations capture the simple and winning personality of your verses. Surely many children will love COME AND SEE, and we hope that you will be encouraged by its success to continue your work.

Sometime at your convenience, will you let us have a little biographical sketch for our files? A sort of "Who's Who" item is what we'd like, because we do endeavor to keep on file biographical as well as critical material about our Maine authors.

Again thank you, and our continuing good wishes go to you.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I received your letter in which you requested a little biographical sketch for your file on Maine authors. I am not sure just what type of information you want or how much material you would like, but I am jotting down a few facts below which you might be able to use:

I was born in Presque Isle, Maine. I began my writing career at the age of nine. At that age I had heart trouble, was confined to bed for a year, and began writing to fill up the long, lonely hours. The writings, of course, were child-ish poems and stories which I made no attempt to publish.

I sold my first short story to CHARM then later sold two stories to SEVENTEEN.

The highlight of my life was the day I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and turned my life plans over to His guidance. Since then I have written short stories and articles for many religious publications—some of which are: CHRISTIAN LIFE, HOME LIFE, THE GRAIL, CONQUEST, YOUTH'S COMRADE, LIVE, OUR LITTLE FRIEND, YOUTH TODAY, HERALD OF HOLINESS, CADLE CALL, TEEN TOPICS, VISION, THE UPPER ROOM, CHRISTIAN WITNESS—and others.

I have had 75 poems published in magazines and newspapers. A book of my children's verses, COME AND SEE, was published for pre-school children by Moody Press. Another book, LIVELY YOUTH PROGRAMS, is being published by Moody Press this fall.

I teach English in the public schools and have had material published in THE INSTRUCTOR (a magazine for teachers).

My summers are spent in a cabin in the remote Allagash wilderness of Maine many miles from civilization. I write a column, "Glimpses of the Allagash" describing my activities in this vast, wooded area for the MOOSEHEAD GAZETTE (a newspaper in Greenville, Maine).

I am married, have no children, and my home at the present time is in Gray, Maine.
I hope this is the type of information you want. If you had something else in mind, let me know and I will gladly co-operate with you in any way I can.

Thank you for your admiration of the little book, COME AND SEE, and for your interest in my writings.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Boone Kidney

Box 43
Gray, Maine
August 12, 1964

Mrs. Dorothy Boone Kidney
Box 43
Gray, Maine

Dear Mrs. Kidney:

Thank you very much for the biographical sketch which you so kindly sent in answer to our request. We are always happy to have such information directly from our authors, knowing it to be reliable.

We hope that your summer in the lovely Allagash country is pleasant and interesting.

Sincerely yours,

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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