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Skowhegan, September 14, 1900-
JOSEPH COBURN SMITH


April 17, 1946

[Signature]

12 PARK STREET
WATERVILLE, MAINE
Mr. Joseph Coburn Smith
Colby College
Waterville, Maine

Dear Mr. Smith:

Congratulations upon your book, CHARLES HOVEY PEPPER, which we immediately added to our order list, and which we are eagerly anticipating.

You probably know about the Maine Author Collection, a permanent exhibit of inscribed presentation volumes written by Maine people. It is our hope that the study of this eminent artist may be included in the collection.

You have our very good wishes for a warm reception for the book. We look forward with pleasure to seeing it.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
March 26, 1946

Mr. Joseph Coburn Smith
Colby College
Waterville, Maine

Dear Mr. Smith:

The copy of CHARLES HOVEY PEPPER which we ordered for the library was received through our regular bookseller; and we are extraordinarily pleased that such a fine account of so distinguished a native son is available.

We deeply regret that the Maine Author Collection lacks the book. Possibly our earlier letter did not make clear the scope of the exhibit. These books are written by Maine people or about Maine subjects; they are inscribed presentation copies; and are a permanent exhibit. This is the only place where all the works of all Maine authors are gathered together, and we are constantly encouraged and pleased by the generous interest our authors show toward the collection. The inscriptions are as varied as the types of books and writers, and lend much of distinction and value to such a project.

Naturally any omission is disappointing, and we are particularly distressed that so admirable a book as yours should not be represented on these shelves. We shall continue to hope that you may want to share with us the pride of including it in the Maine Author Collection.

Our good wishes continue; and we extend a cordial invitation to call at the library when you are in Augusta, and see the collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
April 11, 1946

Mr. Joseph Coburn Smith
12 Park Street
Waterville, Maine

Dear Mr. Smith:

The very pleasantly inscribed copy of CHARLES HOVEY PEPPER which you have presented to the Maine Author Collection is most appreciatively acknowledged, and is being added to the shelves with pride and delight.

Our biographical information about you seems to be a little inadequate: we do not have your birthdate. Perhaps at your convenience you would be willing to help us in this matter. We like to have as complete biographical information as possible on all our authors.

Thank you very much for your generous interest in the Maine Author Collection, which has been admirably enriched by the inclusion of this fine book.

Sincerely yours

hmj
Encl—7% postal refund

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