THAXTER, Dr. Ben A.
b. Machias March 7, 1873
May 6, 1959

Dr. Ben A. Thaxter
2727 North West Raleigh Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Dr. Thaxter:

Reading in a Maine newspaper recently about your book, RHYMES OF OUR COLLEGE -- AND OTHERS, we learned that we may claim you as a Maine native. This immediately prompts us to write to you about the Maine Author Collection, which is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or written about Maine.

Most of these volumes are inscribed presentation copies, the inscriptions ranging from pen-and-ink sketches or tributes to the state to autobiographical highlights, original verse, or something about how the book happened to be written. The inscriptions are as varied as the authors and subjects, and we have here, proudly displayed, poetry, history, law, children's books, novels, philosophy, biography, cookbooks -- all kinds. It is an interesting and valuable collection, and is constantly available to visitors and students.

We also gather all available information about our authors, and are ever eager to welcome a new one. We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of your book for inclusion in this collection. It would give us great pleasure to number it among the Maine books.

Meantime, our very good wishes to you and to the book. May it enjoy a warm reception and a lasting success.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
May 26, 1959

Dr. Ben A. Thaxter
2727 North West Raleigh Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Dr. Thaxter:

You are very kind to send a copy of your delightful RHYMES OF OUR COLLEGE -- AND OTHERS for the Maine Author Collection, and we add it to the collection with appreciation and gratitude.

The book is lovely. Its physical format is distinctive and attractive; and the rhymes and verses have a humor and appeal that is unique. It may seem to you that they have a purely local interest, but reading them is like making friends with an active, warm-hearted group of people, about whom one wishes one knew more. The nature jingles are lilting and perceptive, and wholly charming.

Thank you very much, and for the inscription, too, which adds unusual interest.

If your full and unpredictable life should bring you this way, we hope you will come in and let us thank you in person.

Sincerely yours

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