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Biog. b. Kingston, Ontario, educ. in U.S., grad. from Sweet Briar Coll, Virginia, lived Seattle & China. Picture & brief sketch in PST 7.3.55, but given to MAW because of something on reverse.
July 5, 1955

Mrs. Helen Tenney
Owl's Head
Maine

Dear Mrs. Tenney:

Congratulations upon the publication of your volume of poems, RIVER OF GOLDEN SANDS. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing a copy soon.

Do you know about the Maine Author Collection? It was begun some years ago, and now includes about two thousand books, most of them inscribed presentation copies. They are books written by Maine people, or those closely connected with the state; and books about Maine or Maine subjects. This is a permanent exhibit, constantly increasing in value and interest, attracting students and visitors the year round. We also gather available information, biographical and critical, about our authors, thus having a complete representation of Maine's contribution to literature.

It may be that you do not feel that you are a Maine author, since you were not born here; but it occurs to us that your residence here may indicate a feeling for the state. At any rate, we should be delighted if you would care to inscribe a copy of RIVER OF GOLDEN SANDS (what a felicitous title!) for this collection. Meanwhile, you have our very warm wishes for the success of the new book.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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Owl's Head
Maine

Stage Route 1282

July 15th, 1955

Mrs. L. J. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I shall be glad to be

considered a Maine author.

Here with a copy of "Rivers of Golden Sands."

It's source was five years in China.

It was written in New Jersey, but like

the "ventures" in the old days of sailing
ships, it was sent from Maine.

Sincerely

Helen L. Tenney
Dear Mrs. Tenney:

Your book is delightful, and we are pleased by your generous interest in the Maine Author Collection. It is extraordinary how deftly you share a mood and convey the flavor of the China which you knew; and it is well to capture these memories. Let us hope that some of the grace and charm endures.

Thank you very much for making it possible for us to add RIVER OF GOLDEN SANDS to the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection