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SMITH, Payson
Born in Portland, Maine, February 11, 1873.
SMITH, Payson


FROM: WHO'S WHO IN NEW ENGLAND. 1938.
Dr. Payson Smith  
Lawrence Hall  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  

Dear Dr. Smith:

The call for the books listed in your course is overwhelming, and we are of course glad to observe the interest which is manifested by the people. One of the books for which we are asked frequently is EDUCATION IN FORTY-EIGHT STATES, which, singularly, we do not have. Our efforts to secure the book have brought us the information that it is out of print; so we now appeal to you. Can you suggest any possible source from which we can obtain this item? Do you, yourself, have a copy which we could purchase? We are most anxious to have EDUCATION IN FORTY-EIGHT STATES in the library, and we shall therefore appreciate anything you may be able to do to help us in our quest.

It occurs to us also that your works are not represented in the Maine Author Collection, which is indeed regrettable, for this collection numbers about a thousand volumes, inscribed presentation copies. The books are written by Maine people, and are a permanent exhibit here in the library. We endeavor to make it comprehensive, and we feel it would be a serious omission not to have both this book and HORACE MANN AND OUR SCHOOLS.

We hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy of each for the collection. Your generosity would be appreciated, and the books would be a distinction in the exhibit.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
Mrs. F. W. Jacob  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine  

My dear Mrs. Jacob:

I am sending you a copy of EDUCATION IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES. I happen to have only two copies of this book and can, therefore, spare only one. Perhaps this will serve after the present requests are met for the second purpose indicated in your letter.

I am quite sure that I have somewhere several copies of HORACE MANN AND OUR SCHOOLS, but my books are in several different places -- some in Cambridge, some in Portland and some here. As soon as I am able to get at my books in storage I will see if I have a copy of HORACE MANN AND OUR SCHOOLS and if so I will send it to you.

It is barely possible that I will find additional copies of EDUCATION IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES and if I do I shall see that you have a second copy.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Payson Smith

PS:W
September 27, 1941

Dr. Payson Smith
16 Stevens So.
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Dear Dr. Smith:

Thank you very much indeed for coming to our rescue with a copy of EDUCATION IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES. We appreciate your generosity, especially in view of the scarcity of this book; and we shall hope that another copy may be available, so that we can have it in the lending section of the library (which book we are glad to purchase), and also in the Maine Author Collection.

We look forward to receiving HORACE MANN AND OUR SCHOOLS at your convenience.

Very truly yours

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on EDUCATION IN THE
FORTY-EIGHT STATES

SECRETARY
August 18, 1942

Dr. Payson Smith
Lawrence Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Smith:

Last September we had a brief correspondence regarding your books for the library—both lending copies and some for the Maine Author Collection.

Is it possible that you have found another copy of EDUCATION IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES, and one of HORACE MANN AND OUR SCHOOLS?

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
Gentlemen:

Dr. Smith has been absent from the office much of the time since summer session so a reply to your request of August 18th has been delayed.

Under separate cover we are sending you one copy of EDUCATION IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES and one copy of HORACE MANN AND OUR SCHOOLS.

Very truly yours,

Alma E. White, for Extension Course Department
Miss Alma E. White  
Extension Course Department  
University of Maine  
Orono, Maine

Dear Miss White:

Please express our thanks to Dr. Smith for the copies of EDUCATION IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES and HORACE MANN AND OUR SCHOOLS. Inasmuch as Dr. Smith sent us a copy of the first with his compliments a year ago, we shall be glad to pay for this copy, if you will let us know the price. We maintain a policy of purchasing books by Maine authors for the lending section of the library; and it is only the volumes in the Maine Author Collection, an exhibit, which we ask to be gifts.

We appreciate the interest which has made it possible for us to secure these books, for we understand that they are not readily obtainable now; and it is with pleasure that we finally see Dr. Smith's work represented in the collection.

Very truly yours

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Secretary

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September 11, 1942
September 18, 1942

Mrs. F. W. Jacob, Secretary
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

In further note about the books which I have sent you I would say there is no charge whatever for the second copy of EDUCATION IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES.

Sincerely yours,

Payson Smith
Acting Dean

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Dr. Payson Smith  
Acting Dean  
School of Education  
University of Maine  
Orono, Maine

Dear Dr. Smith:

Our gratitude is boundless! Please accept our thanks for your generous gift to the library of a copy of EDUCATION IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES, as well as your previous gifts to the Maine Author Collection. We are indeed fortunate and appreciative.

Very truly yours

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