SOULE, Bertha Louise
January 4, 1935

Miss Bertha Louise Soule
210 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Miss Soule:

We have recently noticed the announcement of JOYOUS TRAVELER, and of course are anxious to add this book to our Maine Author Collection.

Some years ago a collection of the works of contemporary Maine authors was started. This exhibit collection, having grown rapidly both in size and importance, now numbers several hundred inscribed volumes. We are enthusiastic about this collection, and wish to include all Maine-born authors in it.

Most of our writers have been kind enough to send us a copy of their book, inscribed and autographed. This of course adds to the present interest and future value. They have contributed most generously to our biographical file, also, in which is now to be found much material that is difficult to find elsewhere.

We are hoping that you will want to send us an inscribed copy of THE JOYOUS TRAVELER, and also some biographical information. We are always very appreciative of the cooperation from our Maine authors.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary
210 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn N.Y.

Miss Hildie McLeod
Secretary to
Miss Alice Library

Dear Miss McLeod,

It gives me pleasure to meet your request and I am sending a copy of "The Same Traveler" on same mail with this.

Yours,

January 17, 1936  Bretta Louise Souris
February 4, 1935

Miss Bertha Louise Soule  
210 Columbia Heights  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Miss Soule:

The Joyous Traveler arrived, so kindly autographed by you, and we have added it with pleasure to our collection.

We hope that you will grant our request for biographical information, when you have a leisure moment, for we would like to have such data in our files for future reference.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation, and splendid contribution; and may we wish you further success in the literary field.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

Secretary
July 14, 1938

Miss Bertha L. Soule
17 Grove Street
Bath, Maine

Dear Miss Soule:

May we offer our sincere congratulations upon the splendid biography of Professor Julian D. Taylor. We were fortunate enough to see the advance proofs, and were of course delighted. Our lending copy will be ordered through our regular book dealer, but we wonder if perhaps you would not care to present an inscribed copy to the Maine Author Collection, to be placed beside your JOYOUS TRAVELER?

The collection is increasing steadily, and there are now several hundred volumes, each contributing its particular interest and value. We believe that the collection will be unique and virtually priceless to future students of Maine's contribution to literature. For that reason, we are very anxious that every Maine writer be represented as fully as possible, and we hope that you will want to send a copy of COLBY'S ROMAN to the collection.

We hope that your summer is a delightful one, and that you will be certain to call at the library if you are in Augusta.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY
Miss Hilda McLeod
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod,

I thank you for your congratulations and assure you that I will be glad to send an inscribed copy to our State Library.

Your librarian,

Mr. Hall was generosity itself in his commendation of the
book. But I hear in mind always that anything at all said about Professor Taylor wakes so many happy memories in Colby graduates that they cannot help being kind to anybody who mentions him.

Yours gratefully,

Bertha Louise Souls

July 20, 1938
August 10, 1938

Miss Bertha L. Soule
17 Grove Street
Bath, Maine

Dear Miss Soule:

Please accept our sincere thanks for the gift copy of your splendid biography, COLBY'S ROMAN, to the Maine Author Collection. It is an admirable addition, and we appreciate your interest in the project.

We wish for the book the success that it merits, and for its author, the satisfaction of knowing that a truly outstanding achievement is hers in the compiling of this fine monument to a fine man.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
BY

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SECRETARY
November 3, 1941

Miss Bertha Louise Soule  
97 Columbia Heights  
Brooklyn, New York  

Dear Miss Soule:

The autographed copy of your delightful WHERE NO FEAR WAS is, we presume, for the Maine Author Collection, to which you have given in the past THE JOYOUS TRAVELER and COLBY'S ROMAN.

We are deeply appreciative of your generous spirit, and your thought of the exhibit. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we add this new book of graceful, lovely verses.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

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SECRETARY
November 3, 1943

Miss Bertha Louise Soule
97 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Miss Soule:

The notice of your biography of Dr. Roberts comes as a pleasure, and we anticipate seeing the book soon. We shall order it for lending, but again we are writing to you about the Maine Author Collection. An inscribed copy of each of your former books is already on the shelves of this exhibit, which is still expanding; and we hope that you will want to have the new biography here also.

It occurs to us that our files are incomplete in regard to biographical data about you. We know that you are a Maine woman, were educated at Colby, taught in Bath and Brooklyn -- but we have no dates, no record of your birthplace, or many other facts. Would you be kind enough to help us in this matter?

Our best wishes to the new book, and to its author.

Sincerely yours

hmj
Secretary

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November 22, 1943

Dear Miss Jacob,

I am sending from our Maine State Library a copy of Calby's President Roberts; as I am very glad to do in accordance with your request.

As to biographical data, I claim Bath, Maine as my native place.

I am returning to the Brooklyn address Wednesday.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Miss Bertha Louise Soule
97 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Miss Soule:

You are very gracious to present the inscribed copy of COLBY'S PRESIDENT ROBERTS to the Maine Author Collection, and we send you our thanks.

This is an excellent work you are doing, in gathering together for preservation the histories of Colby men of note; and we hope that you will continue. This new book is a fine biography, which certainly must be welcomed by many who are Colby graduates, and many who are not.

You are to be congratulated on COLBY'S PRESIDENT ROBERTS.

Sincerely yours

hmj
Secretary

Encl--8¢ postal refund
"Colby's President Roberts" is the title of a new book just off the press, written by Bertha Louise Soule, class of 1885, author of "Colby's Roman." It is a book that every Colby man and woman who ever knew Arthur Jeremiah Roberts will wish to own, for its more than 150 pages will revive delightful college memories and will recall in striking fashion a character unique in college history.

When President Roberts laid down his official duties in 1927 and, within a few weeks thereafter, died in Morrilton, N. J., a chapter in the long life of Colby was closed. There had been no chapter just like it before, and there would likely be no chapter just like it again. For, unlike so many men in administrative places, he had stamped his personality upon generations of college men and women, and they had found in him a rare teacher, a wise leader, and a warm friend.

It has remained for the author of this book, herself a staunch champion and lover of all that Colby stands for, to revive the memory of this interesting personality, to make him live again in recounted anecdote and sage comment, to give us opportunity once more to laugh over his whimsical sayings and his erratic behavior, and to find in him certain great and enduring ideals that made his life so eventful and heroic.

Miss Soule has happily avoided the commonplace of the biographical. She tells the story of his life and gives us vivid pictures of the man we knew so well without burdening the reader with annotated matter and excess of dates. Her aim has been—and she has achieved it—to draw a full-length portrait of the "Rob" we knew and loved.

Recounted in the pages are the days of his early boyhood when he dreamed dreams and then went forth to college. She traces the steps in his career thereafter, as student, instructor, professor, administrator, and citizen. The by-paths deal with his method of administering the affairs of the college, his ways of handling youth entrusted to college care, his relations with his faculty, his achievements for the college, his vacation days at the old Peabody home in Gilead, his worrisome days through the first world war, his effort, almost single-handed, to raise funds for the college, his methods of teaching, his chapel talks, his trip abroad and the letters home, the honors that came to him, and the multitude of instances where his great heart disclosed to his friends the real worth of a truly great man. And if one reads with greater avidity the chapters that lead along the by-paths, one may be forgiven, for in them may be found the companionableness of the man as college youth knew him.

Here, then, is the story of the unfolding of a personality, and of the influence of that personality upon the college during the long period of 42 years. The story is also the story of Colby.

A beautiful book in binding and typography, in conception, and in execution. It is from the Southworth-Anthoensen Press, of Portland, makers of the best in books. A foreword has been written, and most appropriately, by Everett Carlton Herrick, class of 1898, now President of Andover-Newton Theological School. Dr. Herrick studied under President Roberts, then the professor of English literature, and since his graduate days the two men were most intimate friends. One sentence is quoted from this foreword: "He was a friend so rugged and honest and unselsh that those of us who knew him thank God for every remembrance of him."

The edition is limited. Its sale will be handled through the Publicity and Alumni offices. The price of the book, including cost of mailing, is $2.50.

— H. C. L., '02.
February 12, 1947

Miss Bertha Louise Soule
97 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Miss Soule:

Miss Cochrane very kindly permitted us to look at her copy of your new booklet, AGAIN THE VISION, which is interesting to us not only because of its excellent poems, but also because of its Maine author.

You have generously inscribed and presented your previous books, and we hope that you will want to do the same with AGAIN THE VISION. We should take pleasure in including it in the collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of Maine Author Collection

Dear Mrs. Soule,

At your request, I am glad to send to my State of Maine, AGAIN THE VISION.

Yours Truly

Bertha Louise Soule
February 24, 1947

Miss Bertha Louise Soule
210 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Miss Soule:

The inscribed copy of AGAIN THE VISION for the Maine Author Collection has arrived; and it is with warm appreciation of your generosity and talent that we add this charming and attractive collection of poems to your other work in the collection.

Please accept our thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely yours

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Encl—2¢ postal refund

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Maine Author Collection