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WHITE, Charles Danville

b. Augusta

Moved to Massachusetts in 1915.

In 1947 is a registered architect in Boston, Mass.

March 27, 1946

Mr. Charles D. White
c/o Thomas Y. Crowell Company
432 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. White:

The book CAMPS AND COTTAGES went speedily on to our order list -- both because of its content (in constant demand by our patrons) and because of its author. We are delighted to discover that you are from Maine, and this fact leads us to write.

Possibly you are familiar with the Maine Author Collection, a permanent exhibit of inscribed presentation copies of books written by Maine people. This is the only place where all the books of all Maine authors are gathered together, and permanently preserved, together with all available biographical and critical data. The books are valuable in their own right, distinctive because of the original inscriptions which vary in mood and spirit as much as do the books and their authors.

We hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of CAMPS AND COTTAGES. We should be especially pleased to include such a useful, authoritative, helpful book in the exhibit. You have our good wishes for the success of CAMPS AND COTTAGES.

Sincerely yours,

hmj
Encl.

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

Charles D. White
131 Park Drive
Boston, Massachusetts

April 4, 1946.

Maine State Library
State House
Augusta Maine.

Your letter of March 27, forwarded from the publisher's office just received. I shall be most happy to forward "an inscribed copy of *Camps and Cottages*" as soon as issued, in May. This, as you know, is a revised and enlarged edition of the one published some six years ago.

It will be a privilege to donate even so small a thing as one book to the State Library, where I received so many courtesies and privileges over a long period of years.

Sincerely

Charles Danville White.

August 23, 1946

Mr. Charles Danville White
131 Park Drive
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. White:

CAMPS AND COTTAGES was added to the lending section of the library upon publication, and immediately proved its value. It is such a helpful book, written in an engaging style that makes the reader want to get right to work; and it is not only helpful -- it is truly confidence-inspiring! We can see that it will enjoy a long life of usefulness.

Today the inscribed copy for the Maine Author Collection arrived, and we are delighted with the inscription, and with the opportunity of adding this book to the Maine Author Collection. Please accept our thanks, and also our cordial invitation to call at the library again when you are in Augusta, and see the collection.

Sincerely yours,

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

December 19, 1946

Mr. Charles Danville White
131 Park Drive
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. White:

The files of the Maine Author Collection, while boasting happily the inscribed presentation copy of CAMPS AND COTTAGES, are lacking in biographical data.

We seem to have missed gathering this information, which of course we want. Would you be so kind as to send us a few paragraphs of this nature? The usual dates, birghplace, education, and so forth -- this is all we really need, but should you care to embroider the statistics with a few remarks in lighter and more personal vein, we should be most grateful.

Holiday greetings to you.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

hmj

April 16, 1947

Mr. Charles Danville White
131 Park Drive
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. White:

It is pleasant to anticipate the nearing publication date of HANDBOOK OF SAILING, and of course we shall have a copy in the library for lending. In fact, the book is already on the order list.

We hope that your kind interest in the Maine Author Collection continues, and that the exhibit may be distinguished by an inscribed copy.

Perhaps at your convenience you will help us by sending us a little biographical information. Our files are very meager in this respect, and we try always to have such information about our Maine writers, so when we have consulted the usual reference tools unsuccessfully, we are, as you see, not shy about going directly to the source!

All good wishes to HANDBOOK OF SAILING. We look forward with great interest to its publication.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

May 2, 1947

Mr. Charles Danville White
131 Park Drive
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. White:

The inscribed copy of HANDBOOK OF SAILING for the Maine Author Collection has arrived, and again we are delighted to be able to add a most interesting and informative book of yours to this collection.

The diagrams and simple, clear wording make this a remarkably helpful manual, not only for those who sail, but also for those who find themselves bewildered but pleased guests of boats.

Could we mention again that we lack biographical dates, and your exact birthplace -- that is, the town. If you would be willing sometime to let us have this information, our files could be made complete, and we would be most appreciative.

Please accept our thanks for the Maine Author Collection copy of HANDBOOK OF SAILING, and our very good wishes for the success of the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj
Encl--10¢ postal refund

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

May 15, 1947

Mr. Charles Danville White
131 Park Drive
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you very much for the biographical information. We appreciate your taking the trouble to send us these facts.

We hope you will come into the library some day when you are in this vicinity. We should enjoy meeting you and showing you the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection