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ZUVER, Dudley
September 18, 1956

Dr. Dudley Zuver  
c/o Harper & Brothers  
49 East 33rd Street  
New York 16, New York  

Dear Dr. Zuver:

Notice of your forthcoming biography of Guy Gannett is good news indeed, and we congratulate you upon a book which we anticipate with unusual interest. We shall order copies for the lending sections of the library, and we hope that the Maine Author Collection may be privileged to include the book.

We have written to Mrs. Williams about the matter, and you may be interested in this collection, too. It consists of about twelve hundred volumes at present, most of them being inscribed presentation copies. The books are of Maine interest, either because the author was born or lives here, or because the book is about the state or a Maine subject, as in the case of THE LENGTHENED SHADOW OF A MAINE MAN. Such a permanent exhibit of Maine books steadily increases in worth, and it attracts students and visitors the year round. We maintain as complete information as possible, also, on our authors, gathering biographical and critical material and filing it, so that we may answer the many inquiries about Maine writers and books which we receive.

We wish your book the very best of success, and we shall hope that the Maine Author Collection will be able to count Mr. Gannett's biography among the other Maine books.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

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Clipping from PST 9/16/56 given to MAW 9/18/56
Mrs. Jean Gannett Williams
882 Shore Road
Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Dear Mrs. Williams:

It was most interesting to learn from the Portland Sunday Telegram that a biography of your father is soon to appear. We shall be ordering copies for the lending section of the library, and look forward to seeing this book.

It occurs to us that you may agree with us that this book should appear in the Maine Author Collection. This is a permanent exhibit of books of Maine interest, consisting of about twelve hundred volumes, most of which are inscribed presentation copies. It is invaluable as a representation of Maine literature, and its worth steadily increases with the addition of new books, and with the use which is made of it by students and visitors.

Whether or not Dr. Zuver is a Maine man, we do not know; but certainly your father was a Maine man, and we very much hope that an inscribed copy may be available for the collection. We are sure that although Dr. Zuver's name appears as author, he relied heavily on your cooperation and information to make the book possible. Good luck to it.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Mrs. F. W. Jacobs
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

Following your suggestion, I am happy to send, under separate cover, an inscribed copy of my father's biography, "The Lengthened Shadow of A Maine Man", which has just been published.

I am sure my father would be pleased to have this included in the Maine Author Collection of the State Library.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Gannett Williams
Dear Mrs. Williams:

Thank you very much indeed for the copy of THE LENGTHENED SHADOW OF A MAINE MAN, which you have so kindly inscribed and presented to the Maine Author Collection.

This is a fine record, and a most interesting account of an outstanding man. We are happy to be able to include it with other Maine books, for it certainly carries the flavor of the state.

Our very good wishes for its success, our warm thanks to you, and our greetings for the New Year go to you.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection