WILLIAMS, Sidney. 1878-
Wells, Maine
March 30, 1936

Sidney Williams, Literary Editor
Philadelphia Inquirer
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are pleased with the very favorable reviews which are accorded your latest book, THE ACONITE MURDERS. Even more pleased are we that the author is a Maine man, but we regret exceedingly that none of the books are included in the Maine Author Collection.

Perhaps you are not familiar with this project. It started years ago, and comprises several hundred inscribed and presented volumes written by Maine persons, or by those who have lived here or written about the state. These books are for exhibit purposes only, and increase in value steadily. The collection forms an intensely interesting background of Maine literature.

We have a brief biographical sketch of you, with mention of your previous books, in our files, but nowhere can we discover a book! We do hope that you will be interested in the Maine Author Collection, and that you will want to inscribe a copy of THE ACONITE MURDERS, and perhaps some other books, for us. We assure you of our deep appreciation for all the assistance and interest which our authors manifest in the Maine Author Collection; and we extend to you a very sincere and cordial invitation to visit the Library and the Collection when you are again in Maine.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary
April 29, 1936

Sidney Williams, Literary Editor
Philadelphia Inquirer
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Williams:

Some time ago we wrote to you, expressing our congratulations upon the favorable reception of your latest book, THE ACONITE MURDERS, and regret that we had none of your works in the Maine Author Collection.

We assure you that should you be so kind as to inscribe for this purpose some of your books, or at least the most recent, we would be delighted. We are always eager to add a new name to our roster of literary folk, and always deeply appreciative of the interest and assistance of our authors.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary
May 6, '36

Dear Miss McLeod:

Yesterday I sent, in response to your request, copies of my last two books for the Maine Library. They are just mystery stories, but all I have now in print.

With pleasure in the opportunity,

Truly yours,

[Signature]

Sidney Williams
May 7, 1936

Sidney Williams
2100 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Williams:

THE MURDER OF MISS BETTY SLOANE and
THE ACONITE MURDERS, both delightfully in-
scribed, have been received this morning.
We hasten to express our very sincere
thanks to you for this most appreciated
gift to the Maine Author Collection.

Few are the mystery stories which have
been written by Maine authors, and we are
particularly glad that these are such excit-
ing ones and with such an appealingly dif-
ferent"sleuth". We look forward to the latest
one, knowing from experience that Mr. Twombley
will provide exhilarating moments.

Thank you very much for your interest and
generosity, and please know that we are deeply
appreciative of your kindness.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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