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KNICKERBOCKER, Charles H.
b. in 1922 in Syracuse, New York.
December 9, 1958

Dr. Charles H. Knickerbocker
15 High Street
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Dr. Knickerbocker:

Congratulations on the publication of your new novel, JUNIPER ISLAND, which sounds exciting and hilarious and perceptive. We look forward to seeing it soon, and expect to have special requests for the book in our Washington County bookmobile area.

Do you know of the Maine Author Collection? This is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or books about Maine. Most of the nearly three thousand volumes are inscribed presentation copies, the inscriptions lending particular distinction to an already outstanding collection. We also gather all available biographical and critical material about our authors, and try to have as complete information as possible about them.

We hope that you will want to inscribe a copy of JUNIPER ISLAND for the Maine Author Collection. It would be a most fitting addition to the other Maine books, and it would give us pleasure to be able to include it.

You have our very good wishes for the success of the new book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for your kind letter of 12/9/58 concerning my novel, JUNIPER ISLAND.

I am pleased to send you an inscribed copy for your Maine Author's Collection, and I am forwarding it under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Knickerbocker
December 19, 1958

Dr. Charles H. Knickerbocker  
15 High Street  
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Dr. Knickerbocker:

Your prompt and friendly response is delightful, and we are very happy to be able to add JUNIPER ISLAND to the Maine Author Collection, and we send you our warm appreciation for the gift copy.

Here is a small news item which may interest you: The other day, we had an inquiry from a patron about "the book Dr. Knickerbocker has written telling of his experiences, in Bar Harbor"!

JUNIPER ISLAND may be fiction, but we suspect that your perception has combined with your own experiences, and put a great deal of reality in the book. It should be popular.

Again thank you, and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely yours

hmj  
In Charge of 
Maine Author Collection
March 20, 1962

Dr. Charles H. Knickerbocker
15 High Street
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Dr. Knickerbocker:

Are you still agreeable to being called a Maine author? You may remember that the Maine Author Collection benefitted from your generosity a few years ago when JUNIPER ISLAND was published, and we dare to hope that an inscribed copy of the new novel, THE DYNASTY, may be added to the exhibit.

The medical clan of which you write so incisively may not engender admiration, but they are a very real group of people, and one follows their progress with excitement and also compassion. Congratulations on an absorbing story, and may the book enjoy an enthusiastic welcome and a long life.

Sincerely yours

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for your kind letter of 20 March concerning THE DYNASTY. I most certainly still consider myself a Maine author and I am happy to send you an autographed copy of the book. I am mailing it under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Knickerbocker

Charles H. Knickerbocker
March 27, 1962

Dr. Charles H. Knickerbocker
15 High Street
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Dr. Knickerbocker:

Thank you so much, for your friendly letter, and for the inscribed copy of THE DYNASTY, which is now part of the Maine Author Collection.

It is remarkable that a busy physician can deploy his hours so efficiently that he can allot some to such creative work as writing. We are proud to have a claim upon you, and we hope that you continue this rewarding schedule for a long, long time.

Sincerely yours

hmj
In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
February 14, 1967

Dr. Charles H. Knickerbocker
15 High Street
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

Dear Dr. Knickerbocker:

It is astonishing that you can find time to portray the world of medicine in novels -- and such good ones, too! Perhaps it is your relaxation? At any rate, reading them is not relaxing, if excitement and suspense are admitted.

THE HOSPITAL WAR seems to continue this trend of sharply perceptive writing, and we hope that you are pleased with its success. We hope also that the Maine Author Collection will be able to include an inscribed copy, to place beside your earlier novels. Good luck to the latest.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thanks for your kind letter of 2/14/67 concerning my novel THE HOSPITAL WAR. Under separate cover, I am pleased to send you an inscribed copy to add to your Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Knickerbocker, M.D.
March 7, 1967

Dr. Charles H. Knickerbocker  
15 High Street  
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

Dear Dr. Knickerbocker:

Thank you very much for your generous response to our letter. THE HOSPITAL WAR arrived safely, and is being added to the Maine Author Collection with appreciation.

Your characters and situations are so real that it's no wonder you make a very emphatic statement about their being fiction!

Sincerely yours

hmj  
In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection