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Clifton E. Lord Correspondence

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LORD, Clifton E.
North Brooksville, Maine
April 10, 1896.
April 29, 1949

Mr. Clifton E. Lord
Meriden High School
Meriden, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Lord:

It was with pleasure that we learned recently of the publication of AROUND THE CRACKER-BARREL. We are always interested in the writing of Maine people, and especially glad when we can add a new name to the roster of Maine authors.

Perhaps you already know of the Maine Author Collection, a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or about the state. Started more than twenty-five years ago, the collection has increased through the generosity of our authors until it now numbers nearly two thousand volumes. The books are as varied as their authors, and we have histories, cook books, children's stories, novels, poems, biographies, religious works, books on psychology, art, travel, and a host of other subjects. These books are inscribed presentation copies, and the collection thus formed is one of great value and fascination, both to students and researchers, and to visitors and tourists.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of AROUND THE CRACKER-BARREL for presentation to the collection. It would give us a great deal of pleasure to be able to include it among the other Maine volumes.

Please accept our best wishes for the success of your book, and also our cordial invitation to call at the library and see the collection when you are again in Maine.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Miss P. W. Jacob,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss Jacob:

Thank you for your letter of April 29th.

Enclosed is a copy of my booklet, "Around the Cracker Barrel".

I am honored to be asked to present a copy of my booklet to the Library, to be made a part of your collection of the publications of Maine authors.

Sincerely yours,

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Clifton E. Lord
May 11, 1949

Mr. Clifton E. Lord
192 Olive Street
Meriden, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Lord:

The inscribed copy of AROUND THE CRACKER BARREL has arrived, and we are delighted to be able to send our thanks for this addition to the Maine Author Collection.

These verses would seem to exemplify your own philosophy of living. The refreshing appeal of simplicity is outstanding. It must have been a satisfaction, as well as a lot of work, to gather together these writings and publish them. We hope that the booklet will have a wide and warm welcome.

Our biographical information for you includes the fact that you are a native of Penobscot, Maine; but nowhere do we seem to find record of the birthdate. We try to accumulate all possible information about our authors -- biographical, critical, even pictorial, when we can. Correspondence is preserved in special notebooks which form part of the Maine Author Collection, and various clippings, reviews, interviews, and so forth, are in a vertical file for convenient reference. In order that our biographical information may be more complete and accurate, we would very much appreciate your kindness in letting us have any data of the sort which you are willing to send.

Again thank you for presenting AROUND THE CRACKER BARREL to the collection. We hope that you will be able to call some day, so that we may have the pleasure of thanking you in person.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of

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Maine Author Collection
Maine State Library,  
Augusta, Maine  

Gentlemen:  

Replying to your letter of May 11th, the following information may be of help to you.

I was born in North Brooksvilie, Maine on April 10, 1896; not in Penobscot as stated in the Ellsworth American.

I completed my grade schooling in North Brooksville, preparatory school at Coburn Classical Institute, Waterville, Maine (4 years), and two years at Colby College, Waterville, Maine; and completing my college education at Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts.

From 1924-27 I was assistant physical director at the Meriden Y M C A. Entered the Meriden school system as assistant physical education teacher at Meriden High School in 1934, which position I now hold.

Sincerely yours,

Clifton E. Lord
May 20, 1949

Mr. Clifton E. Lord
192 Olive Street
Meriden, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Lord:

Thank you very much for sending us correct biographical information. We are extremely glad to have these details, and we appreciate your taking the time and care to see that we had reliable facts.

We hope that with the approaching end of the school year, you are looking forward to being in Maine at least part of the summer.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of

Maine Author Collection
Thank you so much for your letter, and for your generous and discriminating choice of material for my paper, which would be competed except for my poor state in having a relapse—rather collapse—since getting about after the attack of grippe in January.

I am quite overwhelmed by your generous praise of my attempts at desecration, in comparing my work so favorably with that of Miss Pellatt who was awarded first prize. It gives me courage to struggle on!
Since you received
"April in Maine" so
kindly, I've enclosed
a little thing which was
inspired by a recent
reference in Bible Class
which I care.

- A Lit Hand Candle -
(Ps. 18:28)

No brilliant flame illuminates my way,
Yet shadows flee;
I cannot grasp, if always, day by day
I hold a candle in my hand.

Lighted, Lord, by Thee.
A leaping flame I might not well control,
Yet I shall see;

For light to guide my soul. Skilfully and gain'st Thee
A little candle in my hand
Lighted, Lord, by Thee.

Thank you again
for your friendship and
your help. Sincerely yours,

Emma B. Lorijoy

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