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MURRAY, John Chick

Born at Berwick, 1860
March 20, 1930.

Mr. John Chick Murray,
Berwick, Maine.

My dear Mr. Murray;

I have recently had my attention again called to your book, Simon Saith, regarding which, apparently, I have had no correspondence with you, It has been here some time, and I believe that I have not yet acknowledged it. At first I waited for a letter from you, and then, to my great regret, I neglected to write to you.

I assume that you sent your volume for our Maine Author Collection and we are glad to have another name to add to our list of Maine poets, and another book to add to the collection.

We like to have the books in the Maine Author collection autographed by the writers so we are sending you your book, to be autographed and inscribed by you. When you return it, will you please send some biographical data about yourself. We keep in special files biographical information about all of our authors.

Very truly yours,

Maine State Library
Deerfield, May 26 - 1931
Maine State Library, Augusta, Maine,
My dear Mrs. Bellot,

Your favor returning my book for autograph material and accordingly returning the same, and with it some other works, which it seems you have not chose, but which may prove worthy of the collection. In regard to biography, cannot say most. Was born in Deerfield in 1869 of parents George F. and Harriet Chick Murray, and there have nearly always lived. When a young man taught school and penmanship, but life has mainly passed on the farm and in writing. Am still living at the old homestead.

Most Sincerely Yours,

John Chick Murray.
March 25, 1930.

Mr. John C. Murray,
Berwick, , Maine.

Dear Mr. Murray:

You certainly have placed us under very great obligation by sending us your three books and the two pamphlets. They are a valuable addition to our Maine Author Collection. Should you add anything to these items, I trust that you will keep us in mind and autograph a copy for the Collection.

The first opportunity you have I hope you find your way to the City of Augusta and to the State Library; so that we may have the pleasure of showing you the Collection. I am very sure you will enjoy looking over what seems to me to be one of the most interesting and valuable collections of books in the State.

Very truly yours,

HD/S.
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