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BACK TO MAINE WILL BE SONG OF THE COAST TO COAST TRIP

Writer Clara A. Nash Is the Author of Several Popular Songs

MISS CLARA A. NASH

The song, "Back to Maine," will be sung on the Coast to Coast trip of the State Chamber of Commerce and the words, "Back to Maine, My Thoughts Are Thronging," will be heard from here to California.

The writer of the song is Clara A. Nash of Windham Center, Maine, and the words are set to music by Dr. Irving J. Morgan, formerly municipal organist of this City. Miss Nash is the author of many poems and several musical compositions and her song, "Back to Maine," has been recorded and is being sung in many of the schools in the State. Miss Nash was born in the town of Windham, the daughter of Edward and Josephine Thompson Nash and has always shown an unusual aptitude for things musical as well as poetic. She has been a student of literature and her poems, of course, have been her chief interest. She has always made her home at Windham except for the time that she spent at the University of Maine where she took a special course of studies taking music under an efficient teacher. She obtained her early education in the public schools of Windham where she taught until a few years ago.

Miss Nash has written several songs, "The Old Red Roses Growing By the Door," being one of them which met with popular favor and many of her poems have been published in the Ladies' Home Journal and other magazines.

Her song, "Back to Maine," will be used the coming Winter by Almon S. Bisbee in his illustrated lectures on Maine and others are also to use the song for their lecture courses.

Miss Nash, no doubt inherits much of her talent for the writing of poetry from her father, who delighted to set his ideas to verse and as her mother's family was musical, no doubt she inherits much of her musical ability from her. Miss Nash is a very quiet, unassuming girl, rather retiring but a most interesting girl to talk to for she sees ordinary things with a poet's vision and makes a gem of thought out of the most ordinary things of life.

The chorus of "Back to Maine" is as follows:

"Back to Maine, My Thoughts are thronging,
Night and day I hear her call.
Night and day my heart is longing,
For the sweetest home of all.
Her hundred harbors keep for me,
A welcome night and day.
Her sighing forests weep for me,
When I am far away.
Her mountains, lakes, her singing streams,
The murmuring pines refrain,
Are calling, calling in my dreams,
Come, come, come back to Maine.

The other verse speaks of the sheltered harbors, the angry tempests, the searching beacons and the home fires and the wonderful pines whose sweet refrain "echo ever in dreams and charm me back to Maine."