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b. Manchester, 1887

PH.D
Dr. Philip H. Pope was born in 1887 on a farm in Manchester, Maine. He later attended Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, earning his A.B. in biology. During the next three years he went to Harvard, where he studied zoology and botany, and obtained his M.A. After spending two years in the Army, Dr. Pope returned and further pursued his academic career at the University of Pittsburgh, and attained his Ph.D. In addition to his study of the natural sciences, he is well versed in Greek and Latin.

Dr. Pope has been an instructor at Reed College, Portland, Oregon; at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, where he is Professor Emeritus; and currently teaches at the St. Paul's School for Girls, also in Walla Walla.

Among his hobbies he lists fishing and hunting, photography, wild flowers and travel (he has been to Europe, Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska). Dr. Pope has published several short poems, and has lectured before scientific associations.

Married since 1922, he and his wife Louise have a married daughter, Edith, and live in Walla Walla.
March 3, 1961

Dr. Philip H. Pope
925 Alvarado
Walla Walla, Washington

Dear Dr. Pope:

Your friendly letter and the inscribed copy of VERCINGETORIX are delightful, and we acknowledge them with appreciation.

The book is being added to the Maine Author Collection with considerable pride, and a certain satisfaction to know that this kind of poetry is still being written and published. This State Library also has VERCINGETORIX for circulation, and we know that the local public library owns a copy, too.

Yes, do call on us if you are in Maine. We hope that your trip east will materialize, and that you may have the pleasure of revisiting your native state.

Again thank you, and our good wishes for the wide success of your book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
February 9, 1961

Dr. Philip H. Pope
c/o Exposition Press
386 Park Avenue South
New York City 16

Dear Dr. Pope:

Your dynamic poem, VERCINGETORIX, will recall history to some, and introduce it to others, as the brilliant picture of those days and battles flashes through the pages of this book.

We are interested and delighted to learn that we can claim you as a Maine writer, and write to ask whether or not you know of the Maine Author Collection. This is a permanent exhibit of about three thousand books, most of them inscribed presentation volumes, written by Maine people, or about the state. The inscriptions are as varied as the books, of course, and distinguish a valuable and fascinating collection, which is of constant interest to students and visitors.

We hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of VERCINGETORIX for the collection. Meanwhile, you have our very warm wishes for its enthusiastic welcome from readers.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Feb. 18, 1961

Mrs. F.W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Under separate cover I am sending an inscribed copy of VERCINGETORIX for the State Library. The Washington State Library is buying two copies, one for Washington Authors' room and one for circulation. It is nice to be claimed by two states and I can see reason for it, for I got my high school work at Cony where the late, well-loved Miss Alice S. Reynolds, to whom I dedicated the book, taught me both Latin and English and showed me that I could write verse.

More than half my life has been out here in the far West but I hope to visit Maine again this year and will look into the State Library if I do.

Sincerely,

Philip H. Pope