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Lewiston, April 4, 1900-
PURIINGTON, Carl Everett, born in Lewiston, Maine, April 4, 1900; A.B., Bates 1923, Ph.D., Yale, 1927; member of the faculty, Smith, 1927-28; prof. religion, Adelphi College, 1928-. Ed., 'Jour. Bible and Religion,' 1938-. Soc. Biblical Lit. and Exegesis; Asn. Biblical Instrs. (sec'y, 1929-31, sec'y-treas, 1932-35, cor. sec'y, 1938); Phi Beta Kappa; Pi Gamma Mu.

Leaders in Education, vol. 2
April 3, 1941

Dr. Carl E. Purinton
c/o Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Purinton:

Recently it was brought to our attention that you are a Maine man; and therefore we immediately write to you about the Maine Author Collection.

This is an exhibit of books written by Maine people, inscribed and presented through their generosity. It was begun some years ago, and now numbers over a thousand volumes. Present interest is great, but we are admittedly building for the future; and we believe that there is only one place where it is endeavored to gather all the works of all Maine writers. That is the Maine State Library.

If it is possible to claim you as a Maine writer, including in the collection your RE-INTERPRETATION OF JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, we shall be genuinely delighted. We look forward to hearing from you about this matter, and meantime send you our best wishes for a continuance of your work.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
August 18, 1942

Dr. Carl E. Purinton  
c/o Charles Scribner's Sons  
597 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Purinton:

A year and more ago we wrote to you about the possibility of including an inscribed presentation copy of your book, RE-INTERPRETATION OF JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, in the Maine Author Collection.

The collection grows daily with the generous interest of our authors, and we continue to hope that we may be privileged to place a copy of your book on the exhibit shelves.

Very truly yours

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October 30, 1945

Dr. Carl E. Purinton
c/o Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Purinton:

Do you recall our writing to you some time ago about the possibility of including your book, RE-INTERPRETATION OF JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT in the Maine Author Collection? Its lack still causes us concern, you see, for we like to claim for this permanent exhibit the distinction of having all the books of all Maine authors; and such a proud claim is not true when we lack your book.

We still hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy to the exhibit. Wont you come into the library sometime when you are in Maine, and see the collection?

Sincerely yours

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I am sending you a copy of my book, properly inscribed. This is a textbook and not a work of creative literature in the narrow sense. However, since you have expressed a wish to have it, I am glad to contribute it.

Sincerely yours,

Carl E. Purinton.

Carl E. Purinton.
November 26, 1945

Dr. Carl E. Purinton
Beloit College
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Purinton:

You are very kind to autograph and send a copy of your book, THE RE-INTERPRETATION OF JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, and we are adding it to the Maine Author Collection with pleasure and appreciation of your interest. Some day we shall hope to have also LITERATURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Your remark about your book's not being a work of creative literature in the narrow sense leads us to believe that we may not have explained clearly the scope of the collection. It is intended to gather here all the books by all Maine authors. This means not only novels and poetry, but also history, cook books, educational treatises, children's stories, books about science, art, rifles, law, travel, mysticism, radio, fishing, bees — everything!

If your book is not "creative", then neither are some of the books here by Charles Townsend Copeland, Ray C. Carter, Clara L. Penney, Rufus M. Jones, Gleason L. Archer, Anne Carroll Moore. You see, it is a comprehensive collection, and we do not feel that it is complete when any book of any Maine author is found to be missing.

Please believe that we are delighted to be able to add your book through your generosity. We do so with a hope that this may not be the last one, and also with the hope that you may call at the library and see the collection when you are again in Maine.

Sincerely yours

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