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RIVIERE, Bill
July 25, 1960

Mr. William Riviere
Herter’s Inc.
Waseca, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Riviere:

A small notice caught our eye recently. It promised a book by you, THE CAMPER’S BIBLE. This is just the sort of book we are always needing, a very popular kind of book, and we shall welcome it warmly. We hope it is to be published soon.

Copies for the library will be ordered through our regular book dealer, but at present we write about the Maine Author Collection. Perhaps you know of this collection already. It is a permanent exhibit of Maine books — those written about the state, or by Maine people. Most of the volumes are inscribed presentation copies, and we are proud of the varied inscriptions, and the many kinds of books here represented.

We judge that you are a Maine man, and so we very much hope that you will want to inscribe a copy of the CAMPER’S BIBLE for the Maine Author Collection. It will be noted in the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, so that the Maine libraries may be sure to know of its publication; and we wish it every gratifying success.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Mrs. F. W. Jacob
MAINE STATE LIBRARY
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I hope you'll forgive my overly belated reply to your kind letter of July 25 regarding The Campers' Bible.

You will most certainly receive a copy on January 1 when it will be published by Doubleday and I will take no little pride in the knowledge that it will be included in the Maine Author Collection.

Maine is my adopted state to which I moved from New Hampshire in 1942 and where I lived for 14 years, mostly in Rangeley. During the past four years I have bemoaned deeply my absence and intend to rectify this error in my ways within the next few months.

One of the first copies I receive will be inscribed and sent along to you in gratefulness for the wonderful years spent in Maine and in anticipation of a happy return.

Cordially yours,

William A. Riviere
October 19, 1960

Mr. William A. Riviere
809 Elm Avenue, East
Waseca, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Riviere:

Your letter is good to have, and we are delighted that we may anticipate having THE CAMPER'S BIBLE for the Maine Author Collection.

We are glad to have the news of the publication date, too, because we have been watching for the book, and fearing that we might somehow have missed it. January is a fine psychological time to publish such a book, of course: it whets the appetite for the remaining months before camping season.

Rangeley is a wonderful part of the state, and only two short weeks ago was ablaze with the kind of color we like to think can be seen nowhere else in the country. Now a great many of our gold and scarlet leaves are falling, and presently we shall have a coating of ice on the puddles.

Sometime, at your convenience, would you be willing to let us have a brief biographical sketch of you? We like to have all possible information about our Maine writers.

We'll acknowledge the arrival of your book, and please know that we are eagerly looking forward to its availability.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Dear Mrs. Jacob:

My head hangs rather low in shame for not having sent along the copy of the Camper's Bible as I promised you I would.

At any rate, here is a copy for the Maine Authors' Collection, an overwhelming illustrious group I feel rather awed in joining!

I'll be returning to Rangeley early in June where I'm to assist in the operation of the Maine School of Camping - an experiment in the instruction of family groups in the fine art of enjoying Maine to the utmost.

In the fall, I hope to seek out a coastal nook where I'll continue to abuse my typewriter.

Many thanks for your interest in the 'Bible' and all good wishes,

Cordially,

Bill Riviere

809 Elm Avenue, East
Waseca, Minnesota
March 30, 1961

Mr. Bill Riviere
809 Elm Avenue, East
Waseca, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Riviere:

THE CAMPER'S BIBLE has arrived, and we send you our thanks and appreciation for making it possible for the Maine Author Collection to include this book.

It is a most enticing, dream-inviting, plan-inspiring collection of information, with the kind of practical, non-advertising advice that many people need and welcome; and you are to be congratulated for putting together such a convenient and useful book for the guidance of prospective campers.

We are delighted with THE CAMPER'S BIBLE, and the opportunity to claim you as a Maine writer. The Maine School of Camping sounds most interesting. We wish it well, and your success in finding the coastal spot for your fall typing.

Sincerely yours

hmj

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