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BY

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The author is a native of Maine. She graduated from Cushing Academy and Massachusetts State College, where she taught English following her graduation. Miss Packard then received a scholarship to Wellesley College where she took her M.A. in English Literature. Afterward she became Editor and contributor to the publication, "Program Hints." She also taught at Granville High School.
Miss Faith E. Packard  
Crown Point  
New York

Dear Miss Packard:

From information which has come to us, we understand that you have some connection with Maine, and we wonder if you were perhaps born in this state.

We write particularly on account of the Maine Author Collection, which is an exhibit of about a thousand books written by persons born in Maine or resident here, or which have as a setting Maine background. Most of these books are inscribed, presentation copies; and they, together with the biographical information which we also collect, form an interesting and valuable panorama of Maine literature.

It will be our good fortune if we may include you in our literary roster, and your book, ONLY THE SOFT WIND, in the collection. We hope this may be possible; and we will very much appreciate your kindness in sending us some biographical information, for which purpose we enclose a return envelope.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
Hilda McLeod, Secretary
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

I am sending you a copy of my first book of poetry, ONLY THE SOFT WIND, for the Maine Author Collection in the State Library. I shall be pleased to have it there. I am sorry that my copies of the pre-publication announcement (with my photograph, biographical material, and comments of critics and authors) are all gone. You might possibly get one by writing to my publisher, Anita Browne, Editor of the Poets Press, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.

In addition to Strong, Maine, where I was born in 1907, we lived also in Andover, Newcastle and Limerick. I attended Limerick Academy three years before going to Cushing.

If there should be any orders for my book, I would be glad to fill them. I have copies on hand, and the price is $2.00.

Very truly yours,

Faith E. Packard
November 21, 1959

Miss Faith E. Packard
Crown Point
New York

Dear Miss Packard:

The autographed copy of your book of poems, ONLY THE SOFT WIND, has been received; and we hasten to send you our sincere thanks for such a charming volume to place in the Maine Author Collection.

We are delighted to add your name to the list of Maine writers, and especially so on the merits of such an attractive book. The library must of course have a copy for lending, and you will receive shortly an official order for a copy, which need not be autographed.

At your suggestion, we wrote to Miss Browne of the Poets Press, regarding biographical and similar data, and we trust that she may be able to supply us with some for our files.

Please accept again our enthusiastic thanks for the lovely volume of poetry, ONLY THE SOFT WIND, and our very cordial invitation to visit the Maine Author Collection if you should find yourself in Augusta.

Very truly yours

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CROWN POINT, N. Y.
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Dec. 14, 1939

Hilda McLeod, Secretary
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

My publisher has informed me that there are no more pre-publication order forms of my book left. I managed to obtain one from a friend, and am sorry that it is not in better condition at a later date. I may
have some more printed, and when I do, will send you one to replace it.

I shall be glad to furnish any other information you wish.

Sincerely,

Faith E. Packard.
December 16, 1939

Miss Faith E. Packard
Crown Point
New York

Dear Miss Packard:

Thank you very much indeed for your thoughtful cooperation in sending us the picture and advance announcement. We are delighted to add this material to our files, and appreciate the care which you took in securing the leaflet.

We believe that this completes the information which we wished; but if, at any time, additional data becomes available, we will of course hope to have a copy.

Thank you again for your fine interest and generosity in the Maine Author Collection; and please accept our sincere greetings of the season.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
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ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN

January 9, 1940

Hilda M. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

A month ago I sent a bill of $2.00 to the State Library for a copy of my book of poetry "Only the Soft Wind," and have not yet received payment. Would it be possible for you to look into the matter? It may be that I did not follow directions explicitly.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Faith Packard.
January 11, 1940

Miss Faith E. Packard
Crown Point
New York

Dear Miss Packard:

Thank you for writing to inquire about your bill for two dollars. We have investigated the matter, and although we regret that you have been inconvenienced by the delay, we are glad to report that the invoice has been approved for payment and has been forwarded to the Controller's office. You should receive a check within a short time from the State Treasurer.

As you probably know, State regulations require more or less red tape before a bill, no matter how simple or how small may be paid; but we trust that it will now move along the proper channels smoothly, and that you will have a check for the amount in the near future.

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