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b. Rockland, November 11, 1872

Principal Grammar School, Thomaston, Maine, 1897-1900. Head Department of Science, Public High School, New Britain, Conn. 1904-1907.

Head Department of Geography, Teachers College of the City of Boston, Mass. 1907- to present time.

Author in collaboration with Charles P. Sinnott of Nations as Neighbors, a textbook in geography for junior high schools, published by the Macmillan Company.


Author in collaboration with others of a textbook on the Teaching of Current of Current Events, published by Houghton Mifflin Co.

Author of several articles published in the Journal of Geography, School and Society, and the Geographical Review.

At work on another textbook to be published by the Macmillan Company.
December 11, 1930

Mr. Leonard O. Packard
% Macmillan Company
60 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Packard:

In a review of your book, Nations as Neighbors you are referred to as "formerly of Rockville". We trust that means that you are a native of Maine and we may have the pleasure of including you in our list of Maine authors. At your convenience, we shall be glad to have you send us biographical data about yourself.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

BY MCP
March 26, 1931

Mr. Leonard O. Packard

Teachers College of the City of Boston

Huntington Avenue

Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Packard;-

The April issue of the Library Bulletin is now in press and we shall soon be able to send you a copy of it in which we have mentioned your book, "Nations as Neighbors". The Bulletin notes on Maine authors are not reviews; they are more in the nature of friendly comment on our writers and their work, with biographical data about them, this especially for the use of our librarians.

I do not recall whether I mentioned to you our Maine Author Collection. I enclose a clipping about it. We should very much like to have your work represented in it, so if you care to send us an autographed copy of Nations as Neighbors we shall be delighted to add it to the collection.

Thank you very much for your prompt response to our request for biographical information about yourself. We have placed this information in our permanent files.

Very truly yours,

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

BY MCP
May 27, 1949

Dr. Leonard O. Packard
78 Warren Street
Needham, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Packard:

For some time we have been aware that the Maine Author Collection lacks your books, and this is a matter of regret, because we say that this collection is the one place where all the books of all Maine writers are gathered together and permanently preserved.

As you perhaps know, the collection has been building for twenty-five years or more, and it now numbers over fifteen hundred books written by Maine people or about Maine. The volumes are inscribed and presented, and we take great pride in the variety of subject and inscription here represented. The books cover every field: literature, cookery, biography, art, travel, religion, children's stories, novels, poetry, spiritualism, engineering, and other subjects. The inscriptions have a marked originality. There are pen-and-ink sketches, biographical anecdotes, bits of verse, illuminating paragraphs concerning the writing of the book, tributes to Maine, and such distinctive additions to the books.

We have constant visitors and students who come to see and use the collection, which is maintained as a unit for this purpose. It is a matter of some gratitude, we think, that so many of our authors have shown themselves concerned to maintain the collection by inscribing and presenting their writings.

We regret that NATIONS AS NEIGHBORS, NATIONS AT WORK, NATIONS TODAY, WORLD OF TODAY, OUR AIR-AGE and GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD are not in the collection; and we hope that one day you may want to inscribe them and add them to the exhibit.

Come in and call when you are next in Augusta.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Leonard O. Packard
78 Warren Street
Needham 92, Mass.

Librarian
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

August 16, 1949

Dear Madam:

In accordance with your request of several weeks ago I am sending you by parcels post copies of all my books.

Sincerely,

Leonard O. Packard
August 23, 1949

Dr. Leonard O. Packard
78 Warren Street
Needham 92, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Packard:

It is kind of you to remember our earlier letter, and we are delighted to have your books to place in the Maine Author Collection. Thank you for sending them, and be assured that we are grateful for your interest and generosity.

For some time we have felt that this was an omission which should be corrected if possible, and it gives us especial pleasure to be privileged to add your books to these shelves.

We hope that when you are in Maine again you will call at the library and see the collection. Our good wishes go to you for a pleasant vacation, and our appreciation of your gift to the exhibit is unbounded.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of

hmj

Maine Author Collection