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PAISLEY, Mrs. Eva Wilson.
b. New York City, 1877.
Beyond the biographical data on the inside cover, there is little to say in the way of statistics. It doesn't matter very much where a man is born, little less where he may die; but the brief has a right to know where he finds his real living.

Although Sams of direct British descent and doubtless love the carnivals, Sams an out-and-out American and by adoption, of Maine--for his adoption and the opportunity to live a life he found in the usual record, I am grateful.

E.W. Paisley
July 30, 1940

Miss E. W. Paisley
C/o E. P. Dutton & Company
300 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Paisley:

The enthusiastic reviews which have come to our attention prompt us to add our congratulations upon SANCTUARY to those of your friends. Unfortunately, we have not yet had opportunity to examine the book, although it has been ordered for lending purposes.

We write now with regard to the Maine Author Collection, of which perhaps you have heard. This exhibit consists of about a thousand inscribed, presentation volumes, and presents a valuable and interesting array. The State Library maintains the only complete collection of the works of Maine authors, and we are naturally eager to include all books by writers born or resident in the state, or who have written about Maine. In addition, we collect all available biographical, critical and photographic material, with the intention of rendering the Maine Author Collection of inestimable worth to future researchers.

We hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of SANCTUARY for the exhibit, and also to supply us with biographical data at your convenience. Such a generous gesture would find us most appreciative; and the book itself would be a charming and distinctive addition to the collection.

Please accept our best wishes for the continued success of your book, and a cordial invitation to visit the library when you are in Augusta.

Very truly yours

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Cliff Island
Portland, Maine
August 3, 1940

Dear Mr. Jacob,

Your letter in case I, E. P. Dutton & Company has just reached me here. Since I am staying for a break of over six, I am ordering a copy.
In sincerity, the best wishes,

[Signature]

Dr. [Name]

Mrs. [Name]
Cliff Island
Portland, Maine
August 24, 1940

Dear Mr. post,

In this same mail I am forwarding a copy of "Sanctuary"...with the hope that it may be a useful addition—time will decide that—

I have been slow a bit, in keeping my promise, the book arrived from Dutton a full fortnight since but the has been busy, happy, much working and the shelves of another book—

I leave for Hotel Forrell
in another day or two —
and the brightest work
and play —

All good wishes for
many successful years.

Yours very

S. W. Paisley
August 28, 1940

Mrs. E.W. Paisley
Deer Crossing
West Stoneham Way
North Lovell, Maine

Dear Mrs. Paisley:

SANCTUARY has reached us, and we are delighted and most appreciative of your generous interest in the Maine Author Collection.

The book itself has, since we wrote you, been added to the lending section of the library (none of the books in the collection, of course, is permitted to stray from the library). Your quietly charming book has captivated us all, and we notice that patrons are asking for it frequently.

It is a beautiful book, in content and format; and we feel certain that its enduring values will earn it a comfortable, cherished niche in the libraries of many individuals to whom your kind of life appeals. (Incidentally, it should develop into a wonderful Christmas gift book!)

You have our sincere thanks for your kindness; and now, having mentioned another book, you also have our alert eagerness for the new one. All good wishes for it, and for the continuance of your rich and satisfying life at Deer Crossing.

Very truly yours

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