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b. Harmony, April 28, 1890
March 15, 1957

Dr. Clair Elsmere Turner
19 Village Lane
Arlington 74, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Turner:

For some time we have been aware that the Maine Author Collection does not include your writing, and inasmuch as we want the collection to be a complete representation of Maine authors, this lack is of course a serious one.

Do you know of the collection? It was started some years ago, and now numbers approximately twelve hundred volumes, written by Maine people, or about the state. Most of the books are inscribed presentation copies, and range in subject matter from cookbooks to poetry, from religion to art, from children's stories to biography. The inscriptions are a distinguishing mark, and we are proud of the collection and our Maine writers who make it possible. The books are a permanent exhibit, always available here for students and visitors, and the attention they attract is gratifying.

We hope that it may be possible at last to include your books, inscribed for this purpose. We extend to you a cordial invitation to call at the library and see the collection some time, preferably when the State House has recovered from the present untidy confusion of extensive renovation!

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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Mrs. F. W. Jacob
Maine State Library
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

We will send to you in a few days ten books. Some of my earliest books are out of print. I assume that you do not want different editions of the same book. I think that the assortment I am sending you will meet your needs.

In the matter of editions, they include the 9th edition of PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, the 2nd edition of SCHOOL HEALTH AND HEALTH EDUCATION, and the 3rd edition of EFFECTIVE LIVING.

I am glad to give these books to the state library.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Turner, Ed.M., Dr.P.H.

CET:ng
April 8, 1957

Dr. Clair E. Turner
19 Village Lane
Arlington 74, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Turner:

What a wonderful gift! It is with warmest gratitude that we acknowledge the arrival of your ten inscribed books for the Maine Author Collection. We certainly appreciate the care you took to assemble these volumes for the exhibit, and take unusual pleasure and satisfaction in adding them to the other Maine books gathered here.

Thank you very much indeed, for the generous gift, and for your interest in the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

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