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# Dane Yorke Correspondence

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YORKE, Dane

Philadelphia, 1889 -

March 5, 1935

Mr. Dane Yorke  
Biddeford  
Maine

Dear Mr. Yorke:

We have noticed a recent announcement regarding your new book, AS MUCH AS TWICE, and we wish to offer our congratulations upon the publication of this novel.

Possibly you are familiar with the Maine Author Collection - an exhibit collection of the works of contemporary Maine writers - which was begun several years ago, and now numbers several hundred inscribed volumes, most of them presented by the authors. They form an interesting and valuable nucleus - for of course our Maine Author Collection is constantly increasing in size and importance.

We are always very proud when we are able to add another name to our list of Maine writers, and hope that you will want to autograph or inscribe a copy of AS MUCH AS TWICE for this collection. We assure you we would greatly appreciate this courtesy.

Also, if you would be kind enough to write for us a few biographical paragraphs, we would be extremely grateful, for we endeavor to maintain as complete a biographical file of our authors as possible.

Our sincere good wishes for your success and our felicitations upon the publication of AS MUCH AS TWICE - and may we be privileged to include it in our Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

April 9, 1935

Mr. Dane Yorke  
Biddeford  
Maine

Dear Mr. Yorke:

Some time ago we wrote you, offering our congratulations upon the publication of your recent novel, AS MUCH AS TWICE. We also explained about the Maine Author Collection, and expressed the hope that you would want to inscribe a copy of this book for our collection.

However, since we have not received this gift, we are taking the liberty of having the publishers send you a copy, which we hope you will be kind enough to inscribe and forward to us.

Will you also send us biographical information. We assure you that we appreciate every kindness which our authors show, and our Maine Author Collection with its biographical files is a project truly worthy of their generosity and cooperation.

We have already ordered this novel for our Traveling Libraries, and are anticipating its arrival for inclusion on our Maine Author shelves.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Enc;  
Return label & postage 4¢

Secretary

Biddeford  
April 17th

Miss Hilda McLeod,  
Maine State Library:

I'm sorry to have been delayed in acknowledging your letter of the 9th. It struck me at a rather busy and preoccupied time.

I have autographed and forwarded the copy of AS MUCH AS TWICE. As for biography, the pertinent facts are brief. Vegetated in a business office until the War, then entered the Army and served as an officer until the close. Came out of the service with a vast restlessness that only hard travel could cure. Spent several years in the South and Mid-West and New York, but took no root until I found this pleasant land north of Boston. After settling in Maine I began to write for the American Mercury under H. L. Mencken, being for some time the only contributor from this State. Wrote on various aspects and personalities of Maine and New England, and have been represented in almost every volume of the Mercury during the last few years. There were also occasional pieces in the New Yorker, the Independent (since merged with the Outlook) and other magazines. One article was reprinted by the Century Company in its "Essays of Today, 1926-1927." Another was reprinted by the Atlantic in a volume of selected examples of Atlantic prose.

The rest is in the future - "on the knees of the gods." Time enough to talk about it later.

Sincerely

Dane Yorke



MAINE STATE LIBRARY  
AUGUSTA

April 18, 1935

Mr. Dane Yorke  
Biddeford  
Maine

Dear Mr. Yorke:

We have received the copy of AS MUCH AS TWICE,  
which you have so kindly inscribed for our Maine  
Author Collection. We send you our sincere thanks  
and congratulations upon this fine book.

Thank you, too, for the biographical sketch.  
You have presented the salient facts in your life,  
but omitted any dates and mention of your birth-  
place. Was it in Maine? And might we have a date  
or two, that our references may be exact? We  
would very much appreciate this help.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

*Hilda McLeod*  
Secretary

hm *Miss McLeod:*

*This passion for dates is, I think,  
a sad affliction. However, I  
was not born in Maine. I have  
been told that I was born in William Penn's  
Philadelphia but I do not personally  
recall the event, so that I give it  
as pure hearsay. The date was 1889. D.Y.*

November 16, 1950

Mr. Dane Yorke, Librarian  
McArthur Public Library  
Biddeford, Maine

Dear Mr. Yorke:

Congratulations upon the publication of ABLE MEN OF BOSTON. The library looks forward to receiving a copy soon for lending purposes, and meanwhile we write to you about the Maine Author Collection.

We hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy to this exhibit, for of course we feel that you really are a Maine author.

ABLE MEN OF BOSTON evidently contains much information that will be very useful to libraries, and we anticipate seeing and using our copy.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection

hmj

November 21, 1950

Mr. Dane Yorke, Librarian  
McArthur Public Library  
Biddeford, Maine

Dear Mr. Yorke:

Thank you for the gift of ABLE MEN OF BOSTON for the Maine Author Collection, and for your very fine and much appreciated inscription.

It is a beautiful book. Our other copy has not yet been received, so the collection copy is the first one we had seen. We are impressed with the excellence of the book in content and appearance, and proud that we can call its author a Maine man.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection