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January 16, 1947

Miss Daphne Athas
c/o D. Appleton-Century Company, Inc.
35 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Miss Athas:

In the Appleton-Century catalog for spring 1947, we noticed the announcement of your novel, THE WEATHER OF THE HEART. The fact that its setting and characters are of Maine leads us to write to you about the Maine Author Collection.

This is a permanent exhibit, started over twenty years ago, and now numbering about fifteen hundred books, written by Maine people, those resident here, or writing of Maine subjects. The books, inscribed and presented for this purpose, make a fascinating display which constantly attracts casual but admiring visitors, as well as serious students. The inscriptions are original and distinctive, ranging from pen-and-ink sketches to verse, from tributes to Maine to revealing autobiographical anecdotes.

We also gather all available biographical, critical and photographic information about our authors, accumulating newspaper clippings, publishers' publicity notices, preserving correspondence, begging Who's Who items from our authors themselves, and securing all kinds of information in any way possible, to make the files complete.

THE WEATHER OF THE HEART promises much enjoyment, and we extend to you our very good wishes for its success. We hope that you may want to inscribe and present a copy for inclusion in the Maine Author Collection. It would give us pleasure to see it in this exhibit.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

May 21, 1947

Miss Daphne Athas
c/o D. Appleton-Century Company
35 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Miss Athas:

The arrival of THE WEATHER OF THE HEART this morning gives us pleasure. Thank you for inscribing it, and for making it possible to add your novel to the Maine Author Collection.

We notice with satisfaction the commendatory words which have greeted the book, and we trust that they will be echoed by readers as many make the acquaintance of the Walls and Moreaus and Garths. You have our very good wishes for the enduring success of THE WEATHER OF THE HEART.

Please accept our thanks for your generous interest in the Maine Author Collection, our congratulations upon the publication of your first novel, and our cordial invitation to call at the library and see the collection when you are in this vicinity.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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