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COPP, Mrs. IRVA FARNHAM

April 28, 1950

Mrs. Irva Farnham Copp
Cornish
Maine

Dear Mrs. Copp:

A new Maine novelist is always a particular delight to us, and when we read recently of your book, NOT UNTO OURSELVES ALONE, we were eager to extend congratulations.

A Maine book brings to mind the Maine Author Collection, of which perhaps you already know. Briefly, it is a permanent exhibit collection of books written by Maine people or about the state. The books are inscribed presentation copies, and the inscriptions are sometimes of unusual nature -- pen-and-ink sketches, tributes to Maine, autobiographical anecdotes, bits of verse. We also gather all available information about our authors, biographical and critical; and we keep correspondence with them in special books as part of the collection. About two thousand volumes now comprise this unit, which is an impressive testimony to the proud place of Maine in literature.

We hope that you will want to inscribe a copy of NOT UNTO OURSELVES ALONE for the collection. You have our good wishes for a warm reception to the book, and also our cordial invitation to call at the library and see the collection when you are in Augusta.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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Cornish, Maine
May 1, 1950

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

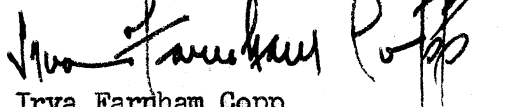
In reply to your very gracious letter of April 28th, I am happy to say that I am glad to accept the invitation of the Maine State Library to place an enscribed copy of my novel "NOT UNTO OURSELVES ALONE" in its Maine Author Collection. A copy is being mailed to you under separate cover on this date.

You may be interested to know that, at the suggestion of a member of the State of Maine Publicity Bureau I have accepted the offer of a Maine Publishing House for the publication of my second novel "AS THE HEART PERCEIVETH". They hope to have the book out in time to attract the attention of our summer visitors. A prospectus of this book is herewith enclosed.

Living quietly here in Cornish, I am now at work on my third novel.

Thank you again for your gracious letter.

Sincerely yours,


Irva Farnham Copp

May 5, 1950

Mrs. Irva Farnham Copp
Cornish
Maine

Dear Mrs. Copp:

What a very friendly reply to our letter! We are happy that the most graciously inscribed copy of your novel NOT UNTO OURSELVES ALONE may be added to the Maine Author Collection.

AS THE HEART PERCEIVETH will be warmly anticipated by the many friends made by your first book, and we shall look forward to seeing it upon publication. We read the advance notice with interest, and are delighted that it will have a Maine setting.

It is also good to know that you are at work on a third. Your talent for creating characters who at once enlist the sympathy of readers and compel their attention to the final page is one which we hope will produce many more books. Hillary and her problem of life is a person that surely will continue to live in the memory of those who have known her through NOT UNTO OURSELVES ALONE. It must be a satisfaction to bring to life such a group of people and portray their development through trouble and joy. You are to be congratulated.

Our most appreciative thanks are yours for the presentation copy of this fine book. We hope work progresses properly on the current one, and that AS THE HEART PERCEIVETH will be even more successful for you.

Sincerely yours

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Falmouth Publishing House

4 Milk Street



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Another book by the author of
Not Unto Ourselves Alone

AS THE HEART PERCEIVETH

by Irva Farnham Copp

A Maine novel, with a Maine Coastal setting, studded with typical native characters and atmosphere.

The story of John Christopher Ames, woman avoider and well-known author seeking seclusion to finish his hoped-for most popular book (as well as peace of mind), leases his workshop from Jessica Adams, the charming and graceful daughter of a family whose name has come under the town-gossips' barbed tongues. It doesn't take long for John Christopher, who has fallen in love with Jessica, to become acquainted with the gossip as well as the conveyors thereof.

The unweaving of the web of distorted insinuations and suspicion, plot and counterplot, the suspense, make this a most interesting love story and leaves with the reader a lesson of better understanding among people.

Irva Farnham Copp is not a new author as the publicity she received last year in her offering-NOT UNTO OURSELVES ALONE-placed her among the best of Maine authors.

Your order now will insure your receiving a copy of the first edition. Please send in the enclosed card now and be sure of your copy of Irva Farnham Copp's new book.



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Mrs. Irva Farnham Copp of Cornish who will represent the Pine Tree Branch of the National League of American Pen Women at the Washington, D. C., Biennial from April 5 to April 9. The luncheons and daytime meetings will be held at the new national headquarters, formerly the home of Robert Todd Lincoln. The dinner meetings will be held at the Statler Hotel.

On the opening day, Dr. Cloyd Heck Marvin, president of Washington University, and Mrs. Marvin, president of the national league, will entertain delegates, other members, and guests, at the Washington Club. Vice President Alben W. Barkley will bring greetings at the Authors' Breakfast. Mrs. Mabel Rogers Holt of Portland is president of the Maine group.