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MCALLISTER, REV. EDWARD COLLINS

Born at Calais

1870

ST. ANDREW'S RECTORY
MILLINOCKET, - MAINE

Feb. 12th. 1932

To Marion Cobb Fuller
State Library
Augusta Maine

My dear Madame:

Many thanks for your valued letter of
the 11th. inst.

The card enclosed gives all essential word
of the writer who has published at his own expense two tiny
volumes (if they may be so-called). One was a sheaf of twenty-
four sonnets printed in honor of the late Rev. Edward Lincoln
Atkinson while he was yet with us. The other is a memorial *
to Joseph Patton Williams, long a member of my congregation
in Kentucky where I lived many years.

We keep the home at Gorham because of the
Normal School but as yet we have no congregation there large
enough to warrant a resident minister, so I take what is
available, and have been here three years.

After exhausting the patience of the magazines
during thirty years of effort, I have fallen back on the daily
press for an outlet. Thus far The Bangor News more especially
is more or less receptive.

Sincerely yours

(Rev) Edw. C. McAllister.

* Sent under separate cover

Maine

O Spartan Mother, on whose ample breast
To strength and hardihood, thy sons are nursed, -
When pine and sea are moaning soothed to rest -
How soon from thee we learn to meet the worst
With steady heart! The blast from Labrador,
The treachery of ice in waking lake,
The peril met amid the torrent-roar
In turn are over-matched. Though tempest shake,
Though tide and fog combine to overwhelm,
From forest, rock, and wave the life is won.
Here are thy children trained to hold the helm,
To hail, and wait, and strike till work is done,
Tempered at last, from council-hall, and fields
They bring new glories to The Old State shield.

E. C. M.

written about 1900.
Often printed on
special occasions.

ST. ANDREW'S RECTORY
MILLINOCKET. - MAINE

June 16-1932

Mrs. Marion Cobb Fuller
Maine State Library
Augusta

My dear Mrs. Fuller:

I am deeply touched by your concern
collected
for my fame, which, so far as ~~published~~ verse goes, is on
scanty foundation. While I recognize your authority, it is
my conviction that I have no real place among those who works
are in book form. For that I must wait, probably till the
curtain falls.

During the past ten years, a number of my
fugitive verses have, if I am correct, found keeping by
~~My~~ Mrs. Laura Richards. Should you call on her, she might
give you some line on my aims at least, -which are simple
enough. I have no "Message" for a breathless world.

Some people and some events, simply ring a bell in my cosmos,
and, possibly, the tone emerges in recognizable ~~form~~ form.

Please do not write to Mrs. Richards. Her correspondence is
a heavy burden. The "C" in my name is for Collins.

My mother was the daughter of Bradbury Collins, Sheriff of
Washington County, and on the Govenor's Council about 1840.

I am passing along your kindly ~~exhant~~ rating of Mrs. Evans,
to her, hoping that you will keep her in mind as she so richly
deserves.

Sincerely yours

Edw. C. McAllister