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# Winifred S. Raymond Correspondence

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RAYMOND, Winifred S., (Mrs. James H.)

April 10, 1942

Miss Winifred S. Raymond  
North Jay  
Maine

Dear Miss Raymond:

Because your book, NEW ENGLAND VERSE, is not in the Maine Author Collection; and because we do not have biographical information, we are writing to tell you about the first, and to ask for the second.

The Maine Author Collection, a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, numbers over a thousand volumes, most of which are inscribed presentation copies. We gather together all available data -- biographical, photographic, critical -- and preserve authors' correspondence. It is the one place where all the books of all Maine authors are collected; and the individual inscriptions (some with a tribute to Maine; some depicting an amusing or interesting incident relative to the writing of the book; others with a bit of original verse; all distinctive) add value and fascination to such an exhibit.

We hope it will be possible to claim you as a Maine author, and that you will want to inscribe a copy of NEW ENGLAND VERSE for the collection. You have our best wishes for a successful continuation of your work.

Very truly yours

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May 4, 1942

Mrs. James H. Raymond  
North Jay  
Maine

Dear Mrs. Raymond:

When your daughter so kindly brought in the volume of your poems, we were delighted with the gift of charming verses for the Maine Author Collection, and also to discover your identity.

Having learned that NEW ENGLAND VERSE was published primarily for your family, and not with the intention of public sale, we are especially appreciative of your generosity.

The characteristics of your poems would, we are certain, appeal to many: the simplicity and strength of faith, the appreciation of family and home, the occasional glimpses of humor. We are very glad of the privilege of including NEW ENGLAND VERSE in the collection, and we hope that you will accept our cordial invitation to visit the library and the collection when you are in Augusta.

Very truly yours

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