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Mary Clement Robinson 1865-

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ROBINSON, Mary C

East Orrington, March 24, 1865 -

April 8, 1935

Miss Mary C. Robinson
44 Thatcher Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Miss Robinson:

We have in the Maine Author Collection a delightfully inscribed copy of your book, "Annals of a Happy Family." It has been a pleasure to claim you as one of our Maine authors, but upon consulting our biographical file this morning, I find that unfortunately we have no biographical material.

This oversight on our part should be remedied at once, if possible. I wonder if you would be kind enough to send us some material. We would be very grateful for a photograph, if you would care to send one. We try to maintain as complete a biographical file of our authors as possible, and we usually meet with such generosity and cooperation that this project is altogether successful.

Also, will you kindly tell us where we may obtain a copy of "Annals of a Happy Family" for our general circulation. We feel that this book would hold interest for many of our readers, and we want to place it in the main library .

We assure you of our appreciation of any kindness and assistance you may render us.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

MARY C. ROBINSON
44 THATCHER STREET
BANGOR, MAINE

April 9, 1935.

Maine State Library.

Dear Miss McLeod:

In reply to your question about my little book "Annals of a Happy Family": there are at present in circulation among my friends three copies of the book; when one of these comes home I will give it to the Maine State Library for circulation. However I cannot tell you how soon that may be; within three months I should think.

No copies are for sale.

I enclose a few facts about my own life.

Yours sincerely,

Mary C. Robinson

Please don't ask for my picture.

MARY C. ROBINSON
44 THATCHER STREET
BANGOR, MAINE

Robinson Mary C.

Daughter of Harrison and Mary A. H. (Clement) Robinson
Born East Orrington, Maine, March 24, 1865.

Attended Bangor schools but graduated
from Brunswick H.S. June 1881. (1881)

Taught in various grades in Bangor
Jan. 1882 - June 1886

Smith College 1886-1890. B.L.
Honorary A.M. 1895.

Governess, Bermuda, 1890-92

Also, with leave of absence from
Bangor High School, 1897-8 (Same pupils)

Taught in Bangor High School 1892-1932.

Dean 1918-1925

Adviser of the High School Oracle
1892-1930

Coached many debaters.

The Atlantic Monthly published "Which Class"
in February 1912. This was reprinted ^(condensed) in
"Story, Essay and Verse" of the Atlantic Classics,
a book still in use in some schools.

The New England Magazine once published
an article of mine as did also the
American School Board Journal, and a
few other articles have been published
in various educational magazines.

April 11, 1935

Miss Mary C. Robinson
44 Thatcher Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Miss Robinson:

Thank you very much for responding so promptly to our request for biographical information. You have sent exactly what we wished. However, one small item leads us to believe that a tiny error has crept in: your date of birth and the date of graduation from Brunswick High School are both given as 1865! I wonder if you would be willing to correct this.

Your kindness in offering to secure a copy of the "Annals of a Happy Family" for our circulation is greatly appreciated. We enclose a label and forwarding postage. It is too bad to deprive your friends of any copies - the scarcity of them proves the popularity of the book!

Very truly yours
Maine State Library

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Secretary

MARY C. ROBINSON
44 THATCHER STREET
BANGOR, MAINE

May 8, 1935.

Dear Librarian:

The book which I promised you, "Annals of a Happy Family" has come back from California; it was so securely wrapped that I have simply mutilated on a sheet of paper ^{and} put on the direction; and ~~and~~ am hereby sending it without undoing the wrapper. I sent you

As the other copy, ^{which} is inscribed I should think there was no need of an inscription in this; if there is, will you not simply write "Gift of the author."

I have read with such interest Mrs. Laura E. Richards' life of her father that I would like to have her look at my book, but haven't the courage to suggest it. If you know Mrs. Richards

and think she would care at all
to look into the book perhaps you
would call it to her attention.

I had a slight acquaintance
with Mrs. Richards' daughter Alice,
extending over many years. We
were always together for brief
talks at Maine Teachers Conventions.

Yours sincerely,

Mary C. Robinson

COPY

May 15, 1935.

Miss Mary C. Robinson
44 Thatcher Street
Bangor, Maine

Dear Miss Robinson:

We have received the copy of ANNALS OF A HAPPY FAMILY, which you so kindly sent us, and we thank you for your kindness and consideration of our request.

We have suggested to a member of the staff who sees Mrs. Richards frequently that possibly Mrs. Richards would be interested to read your book. This staff member, I think, will bring the book to Mrs. Richards' attention.

Again we thank you, and hope that sometime we may have the pleasure of adding another book by you to our Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours,
Maine State Library

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Secretary

MARY C. ROBINSON
44 THATCHER STREET
BANGOR, MAINE

May 10, 1934

Dear Mrs. Fuller:

Thank you very much for your words of appreciation about "Annals of a Happy Family." I am glad if you think it in any adequate way reflects the hospitality of the Brunswick household.

After struggling with the proof-sheets I became so overwhelmed with the shortcomings of the book that I haven't been able to open it myself. When I do, I know that things I shall wish different will stare at me from every page!

I wish you could know Dwight's little Barbara, eight years old, who is now staying at Clement's,

Yours with gratitude,
Mary C. Robinson