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THOMPSON, Dr. John Fairfield
b. Portland, March 6, 1881

January 23, 1961

Dr. John Fairfield Thompson
New Canaan
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Your book FOR THE YEARS TO COME was called "exciting" in one newspaper notice, and probably that is the best word for a story of development of ores and towns. With the increasing interest of industrialist and amateur in such fields, your book should find a ready and enthusiastic reading public.

Learning that you were born in Maine, we write to you about the Maine Author Collection, which is a permanent exhibit of books by Maine people, and books about Maine. Most of these books (there were over 2800 at last count) are inscribed presentation copies, the inscriptions lending originality and distinction to an already unique and valuable collection. We also gather all possible critical and biographical information about our authors.

We hope that you may want to inscribe and present for the collection a copy of FOR THE YEARS TO COME. It would be added to the Maine Author Collection with pride.

You have our very warm wishes for the success of the book.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

JOHN FAIRFIELD THOMPSON
67 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

February 8, 1961

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

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Thank you for your very pleasant letter of January 23.

In response, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the new book which Mr. Beasley and I have just written on the nickel industry. Although Mr. Beasley is not from Maine, being originally of Canadian origin, I am sending you a copy which he has also autographed.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

John F. Thompson

February 16, 1961

Dr. John Fairfield Thompson
67 Wall Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Thompson:

The copy of your book which we had ordered for the library arrived recently, and immediately we were fascinated and amazed at the collection of information between its covers. Quite aside from the main account, as a sort of bonus, is the knowledge that may be acquired.

We are delighted with the Maine Author Collection copy, with your forthright inscription, and with your thoughtfulness in having Mr. Beasley autograph the book.

FOR THE YEARS TO COME is being added to the collection with appreciation of its own worth, and also of your interest and generosity.

Sincerely yours

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