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THWING, CHARLES F.

Born at New Sharon, Maine, November 9, 1853

Died August 29, 1937

PRESIDENT'S ROOM
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

23 October 1922

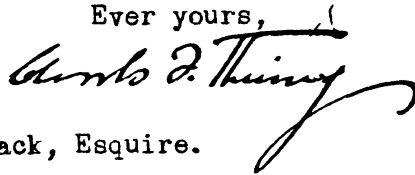
My dear Mr. Dunnack:

Thank you for your letter and for the pamphlet. The pamphlet I am returning to you.

The paragraph on the academies is important, but it does not contain the information for which I am in search. A high officer of a great bank intimated to me that Payson Smith had investigated the financial history of Main academies. He had found it a pretty sorry one. I wished to verify, or to cancel, the report. The paragraph in the pamphlet has important facts, but gives no information upon the financial history, outside of a general remark.

Nevertheless, believe me, I am very grateful to you.

Ever yours,



Henry E. Dunnack, Esquire.

CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

22 October 1925

My dear Mr. Dunnack:

Within a few years of the passing of the so-called "Maine Law," that is perhaps about 1856, or '59, there was published a little pamphlet on the effects of this Law. I once saw, and used the pamphlet in some writing. But I really forget who published the little volume.

I again wish to refer to the pamphlet. Can you help me to find it?

If by chance you should have a copy yourself, I should be glad to have the loan of it for a few days. Of course, I should be glad to meet all the expense, of insurance, both ways.

Believe me, as a grateful son of the State of Maine,

Ever yours,

Charles F. Thwing
11109 Bellflower Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Henry E. Dunnack, Esquire,
State Library, Augusta, Maine.

October 27, 1925.

Mr. Charles F. Thwing
11109 Bellflower Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Thwing:

I was very glad to receive your letter of October 22nd and to learn that you are a son of Maine. For years I have been reading your articles and publications with very great pleasure and profit, never knowing that you were born in Maine. You can understand that it gave me great satisfaction to know so eminent a publicist and distinguished scholar was born in the town of New Sharon, Maine.

I am sending six pamphlets with the hope that one of them may be the one you are looking for.

1. "The Maine Law in the Balance" by Edward Payson, 1855.
2. "A History of Prohibition in Maine" by Neal Dow.
3. "Prohibition in Maine", 1833 to 1833.
4. "The Origin of the Maine Law" by Appleton, 1886.
5. "The Maine Liquor Law."
6. "The Maine Law" by Ernest Gordon, 1919.

You may keep these three weeks, if you need them any longer just send us a postcard and we will renew them.

I have a matter of great importance to Maine, which I wish to call to your attention. I am sending under separate cover a copy of the Maine Library Bulletin with a special article marked. This article explains a project we have undertaken, namely, the collection of autograph copies of books by Maine writers. We have already secured a very large collection.

It would be a very great favor if you could send us the first editions of all your books, we would be very glad to pay for these books. If you could write some special

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note in each book telling us how it came to be written, etc., it would add greatly to its value. These books will not be put in circulation but will be kept for the use of students and those interested in the use of bibliography.'

I am preparing a book in which I have a brief biography of each Maine Author, this will be placed at the disposal of students and others interested in Maine, her people, and her literature.

This is a large order and is asking more than any person would presume to ask except for the purpose I have in mind. I hope sometime I may have the pleasure of entertaining you in Augusta. I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry E. Dunnack
State Librarian

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CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

4 November 1925

My dear Mr. Dunnack:

Your gracious letter of the 27th of October was duly received. I have, however, waited until the actual receiving of the pamphlets themselves, to acknowledge. The pamphlets came two days ago. I have looked them over, and with much interest. They confirm my judgment that the methods of enforcement of the Federal Prohibition Law are quite akin to the methods used, seventy years ago, in the enforcement of the Maine Law. The difference of public opinion touching the Law, in the two periods, are quite akin. The same difficulties also obtain in the enforcement.

I return the pamphlet's in today's mail, registered. Be assured of my gratitude.

I am also deeply touched by your wish to have all my books. There are many of them. How many I don't know. I do not think you would have made the request in case you had known how numerous and how poor they are!! I cannot send you all of

them, for several are out of print. But I am sending to you rather a sizable package. One also, in which my wife, Mrs. Carrie Butler Thwing, joined in writing, I am asking the publisher, Lee, Lothrop and Sheppard to send.

Little is to be said about the special conditions obtaining in the writing of these volumes. Most of them are, of course, academic. Another college book is just passing through the press. Only yesterday, I was counting up the number of predecessors. But, besides the college, there are a few others. Be assured that, as one who likes to indulge his loyalties as a son of Maine, it is a real joy to me to heed your gracious request.

Believe me

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles J. Thwing". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Charles J. Thwing". There is a small black redaction mark above the signature.

Henry E. Dunnack, Esquire.

December 1, 1925

Mr. Charles F. Thwing
11109 Bellflower Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Thwing:

The generous gift to the library of your books is beyond praise. I really do not know how to thank you for this valuable contribution to our Maine collection.

You would be greatly amused and very much delighted if you could hear some of the remarks that have been floating around my office since the arrival of the books. I have taken great delight in showing them to visitors and one after the other have given expression to all sorts of exclamations. All with one exception knew Charles F. Thwing, and many of them had read your books, but not a single one knew you were a son of Maine.

For some reason they have gone away with a heightened opinion of Charles F. Thwing. After all we are proud of the people of our household and even those remotely connected with our families, our state, or our Nation. I ought to add that these visitors of mine have also gone away from my office with a deeper appreciation of Maine; for somehow, they seem to think that the State of the Author's birth has in some way done something for him. It seems to me that the traditions, the history, the cold climate, the towering hills, and reaching plains of Maine must contribute something to the achievements of her sons.

Would you please convey my personal thanks to Mrs. Thwing for her part in your generous contribution.

I am forwarding to you a copy of the "Maine Book", which may be convenient in matters of reference, and a copy of the "Fort Book", which may be of some local interest.

Sincerely yours,

Henry E. Dunnack
State Librarian

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CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

10 December 1925

My dear Mr. Dunnack:

How generous is your gift, how gracious your giving, how picturesque the gifts themselves! For, these two books have great meanings to me. The State of Maine is very dear to us boys there born. For me to received the gifts of these two weighty volumes, dealing with my home State, from its State Librarian, is an honor and a privilege which I do deeply appreciate.

Believe me

Ever yours,

Charles F. Thwing

Henry E. Dunnack, Esquire.

C O P Y

May 15, 1930

Dr. Charles Franklin Thwing,
11109 Bellflower Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Thwing;-

I note with interest that you have added yet another item to your long list of distinguished contributions to literature and education. Will you be good enough to autograph for us a copy of your new book, Education and Religion, so that we may include it with your other works in our Maine Author Collection? I do not wish to impose on your much appreciated generosity and so I am not asking you to give us your book. The Maine State Library is very willing to pay for the privilege of having it in our collection.

I am looking forward to reading Education and Religion with the same degree of profit and enjoyment which I have found in your other books.

Very truly yours,

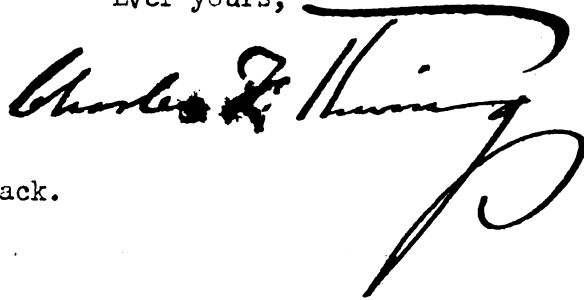
CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND
17 May 1930.

My dear Mr. Dunnack:

Thank you ever so much for your gracious letter. I am glad to send an autographed copy of Education and Religion. I feel a sense of pride for you to have in your great collection this and my other books.

Believe me,

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles F. Thwing". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Mr. Henry E. Dunnack".

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack.

C O P Y

May 22 1930

Dr. Charles F. Thwing,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Thwing;-

I am very appreciative of your kindness in sending us an autographed copy of your latest book, to add to the group of your books in our Maine Author Collection. Our collection is as yet far from great but I am confident that it will be. The cordial interest in it which you and other distinguished sons of Maine have shown is very gratifying and encouraging. I am sure that the day will come when the people of Maine will be proud to own such a collection of books written by men and women born in this state and I hope that it will not be long now before it will be adequately housed in a special room.

Thank you very much for your book.

Very truly yours,

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March 6, 1931

Dr. Charles Franklin Thwing,
11109 Bellflower Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor:-

I understand you have a new book, "American Society ; Interpretatio s of Educational and Other Forces". We are very anxious to have this added to our Maine Author Collection. If you will do us the honor of autographing a copy it will be greatly appreciated. The collection is steadily growing and at this time we have practically all the books by authors born in Maine who are now alive. I hope some day that we may have the pleasure of showing the collection to you.

Very truly yours

State Librarian

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CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

11 March 1931.

My dear Mr. Dunnack:

Let me thank you for your most gracious letter of March 6th. A package of books is on its way from the New York publisher. As soon as I receive it and can extract a copy I shall, having inscribed it, send to you.

Thank you also for the invitation to have a look at your steadily growing collection. This invitation I shall be able to accept some time. But in advance may I tell you of my hearty appreciation of your making this collection of the books of the authors of the state of Maine.

If it be possible, the longer I live away from Maine the more do I appreciate its tremendous worths.

Believe me,

Ever yours,

Mr. Henry D. Dunnack.

Charles F. Thwing

March 25, 1931

Dr. Charles Franklin Thwing,
11109 Bellflower Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Thwing:-

The interest which you show in our Maine Author Collection is extremely gratifying. I feel very strongly that this collection of books written by authors of Maine will eventually mean a great deal to the state, and it is very pleasing to have the encouragement of so distinguished a Maine author as yourself.

Thank you for the autographed copy of "American Society" and for your cordial and gracious letter. I trust that your visit to Maine will occur soon; it will be a pleasure and a privilege to see you here. May we quote the final sentence of your letter--"if it be possible, the longer I live away from Maine the more do I appreciate its tremendous worths"---when we mention your book in our Library Bulletin?

I have read "American Society" and I find that it has all the interest and distinction which characterize its many predecessors. I am delighted to have it to add to our collection of your works

Signed W. D. Sumner

M.C.F.

CHARLES FRANKLIN THWING

Author Of:

American Colleges and Universities in the Great War

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing.

College Administration

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing, 1925.

College Gateway

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing, November, 1925.

Family

Human Australasia

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing, 1924.

Letters from a Father to His Daughter entering College

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing

Letters to a Son

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing

Liberal Education and Liberal Faith

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing, 1925.

Ministry

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing

Training of Men

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing, 1925

What Education Has the Most Worth?

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing, 1925

Within College Walls

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing

Youths Dream of Life

Inscription: Charles F. Thwing

College President

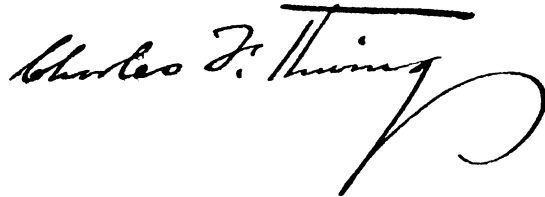
CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND
20 April 1931.

My dear Mr. Dunnack:

To what my secretary, Mrs. Campbell, wrote you in answer to your gracious note of March 25th, I wish to add a hearty word of appreciation. For very deeply do I value your gracious request. Feel free to quote from what I wrote in any way you see fit.

I hope that this summer will not pass without my coming to Augusta on the beautiful banks of the glorious Kennebec.

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles F. Thwing". The signature is written in dark ink and features a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack.

CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

24 June, 1935

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My dear Mr. Dunnack:

In lately going over files I have come across a letter from you of October 27, 1925. It prompts me to ask whether you have books of mine last published: The American and the German University; ✓ Education and Religion; ✓ American Society; ✓ Friends of Men. If you can stand these recent copies, I shall be glad to send them to you.

Believe me,

Ever yours,

Charles F. Thwing

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack

COPY

June 28, 1935

Charles F. Thwing
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Thwing:

Your very kind letter offering to present us with your four latest books is very much appreciated. We have endeavored to keep the collection of your books up to date, and we are glad to say that we have all except FRIENDS OF MEN.

If you would care to inscribe this for us, we would be delighted to add it to your books in the Maine Author Collection. We enclose postage and a label.

Of the books in this collection, three are not autographed. We are taking the liberty of mailing them to you, hoping that you will be so kind as to add this personal touch to each and return them to us.

We deeply appreciate such interest as yours, and we realize that only through the cooperation and generosity of our Maine writers is this Maine Author Collection a success.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

COPY

July 6, 1935.

Charles F. Thwing
11109 Bellflower
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Thwing:

FRIENDS OF MEN, which you graciously inscribed and presented to our Maine Author Collection, has arrived and we are delighted.

We deeply appreciate your kindness and interest, as well as the literary value of the book. Fortunate are we, to be able to claim the author as a Maine man.

Very truly yours,
Maine State Library

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Secretary

CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

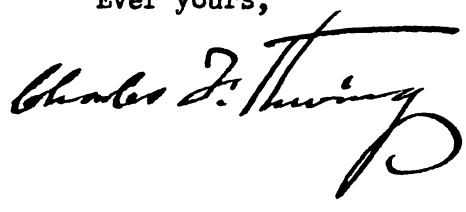
8 July, 1935

My dear Miss McLeod:

Thank you for your most gentle
and gracious note. I am indeed grateful *for*
your constant thoughtfulness. The three
books in the one parcel came last week. I
already have autographed each copy. The
package will be returned to you presently.

Believe me, with best greetings,

Ever yours,



Miss Hilda McLeod

COPY

July 12, 1935

Dr. Charles F. Thwing
11109 Bellflower Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Thwing:

The three books which we sent for autographs have been received, and we are most appreciative of your kindness and interest. Thank you again for troubling to add this personal touch to the books, and for presenting the Maine Author Collection with FRIENDS OF MEN. We await, with eager anticipation, your next volume.

Very truly yours,
Maine State Library

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Secretary

August 20, 1937

Dr. Charles F. Thwing
11109 Bellflower Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Thwing:

With chagrin we discover that FRIENDS OF MEN is the latest of your books which we have in the Maine Author Collection. Your kindness and generosity have been so much appreciated that it seems almost bold of us to write to you about THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY; A HUMAN FELLOWSHIP, but we do hope that you will want to continue inscribing and presenting your books to this collection. We are very grateful for the interest you have shown in this project, and the part you have played in helping it become successful.

We hope your summer is a pleasant one, and that not all the days have been spent in the city.

Very truly yours
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CHARLES F. THWING
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND

8 September, 1937

My dear Miss McLeod:

Your letter of August 20 to Dr. Thwing came at a time when he was too ill to give it his attention. As you probably know, Dr. Thwing died August 29.

I know he would want you to have what has proved to be his last book. I am therefore sending it to you at once.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret L. Ryan
Secretary

Miss Hilda McLeod

September 13, 1937

Miss Margaret L. Byrd, Secretary
11109 Bellflower Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Byrd:

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY has been received, and we are adding it to the Maine Author Collection.

We were deeply saddened to learn of Dr. Thwing's death. The loss is one which many will feel, and especially is his native state bereaved. Dr. Thwing was a son of whom we were justly proud.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your kindness in sending the book for this collection.

Very truly yours

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

PUBLICITY SECRETARY
MARIE KIRKWOOD

December 4, 1937.

Miss Hilda McLeod,
Secretary,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Miss McLeod:

I am enclosing a collection of
clippings about the late Dr. Charles F. Thwing,
president emeritus of Western Reserve University.

You may remember you asked for
these on September 28. The delay has been due to
the slow process of making a collection.

Very truly yours,

Marie Kirkwood

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Also clippings can be had from Phi Beta Kappa
National Magazine; Harvard Alumni Magazine - he
was one of the oldest alumni of that institution;
Boston newspapers, preferably the Transcript;
and New York Times. Newspaper, I believe, would
be dated August 30. Dr. Thwing was president of
Phi Beta Kappa for a number of years.

December 6, 1937

Miss Marie Kirkwood
Publicity Secretary
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kirkwood:

Thank you very much for the kindness and trouble which you have taken to accumulate the notices about Dr. Charles F. Thwing.

Our gratitude is yours for assembling such a fine collection, and we hope in some way we will be able to reciprocate the kindness.

Very truly yours

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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PUBLICITY SECRETARY
MARIE KIRKWOOD

December 14, 1937.

Miss Hilda McLeod,
Secretary,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Miss McLeod:

I am enclosing two more clippings
about the death of Dr. Charles F. Thwing. You may
wish to add these to the collection which we sent
you several days ago.

Very truly yours,

Marie Kirkwood

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Encl.

December 16, 1937

Miss Marie Kirkwood
Publicity Secretary
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kirkwood:

Thank you very much for the two clippings which we are adding to our collection of material about Dr. Charles F. Thwing. We deeply appreciate your care and cooperation, without which our collection would not be the comprehensive one which it now is.

Very truly yours

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