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COPELAND, Charles Townsend

Calais, April 27, 1860 -

COPELAND, Charles Townsend, prof. English; b. Calais, Me., Apr. 27, 1860. s. H.C. and Sarah (Lowell) C.; A.B., Harvard, 1882; 1 yr. Harvard Law Sch. ; Litt. D. from Bowdoin College, 1920; unmarried. Lecturer on English literature, 1893-1910, asst. prof. of English, 1910-17, assoc. prof. 1917-25; later Boylston prof. of rhetoric and oratory, Harvard, now emeritus. Lecturer in Lowell Inst. univ. exten. courses in English lit. since 1907. Fellow American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Independent in politics. Contrbr. to Atlantic Monthly on lit. topics. Author: Life of Edwin Booth (Beacon Biographies), 1901; Freshman English and Theme Correcting in Harvard College (with H.M. Rideout), 1901; Editor: Letters of Thomas Carlyle to His Youngest Sister (with introductory essay), 1899; Tennyson's The Princess (with H.M. Rideout), 1899; Representative Biographies (with F.W.C. Hersey), 1909; Selections from Wordsworth, Byron, Shelley and Keats, in Gateway Series (with H.M. Rideout), 1909; The Copeland Reader^a (anthology of verse and prose), 1926; Anthology of Translations, 1934. Clubs: Harvard (N.Y.); Tavern (Boston). Mem. Phi Beta Kappa (hon.). Trustee State Library of Mass.; hon. life mem. Harvard Union. Address: 5 Concord Av., Cambridge, Mass.

THE WALPOLE INN
J. F. Wilson, *Proprietor*
Walpole, New Hampshire

August 24th, 1929.

Mr. Henry E. Dunnack,
State Librarian,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Maine.

My dear Mr. Dunnack:

As Professor Copeland is unusually busy with vacation activities, he has asked me to reply to your letter of July 3rd in which you have asked for autographed copies of his books for your Maine Author Collection.

"The Life of Edwin Booth" is out of print and will never be re-printed, because the firm failed discredibly, and the plates have probably been broken up.

"Freshman English and Theme Correcting in Harvard College" is out of print, but Mr. Copeland will think himself honored in being able to send a copy to the Maine State Library on his return to Cambridge.

"The Letters of Thomas Carlyle to His Sister" is out of print, and Mr. Copeland says that he cannot bring himself to part with one of the only two copies now in his possession, even to the Library of his native State.

He has neither the time nor the energy to set about getting hold of any of the above mentioned books, but of course, you know that the way to get hold of a book that is out of print is to advertise for a second hand copy. The

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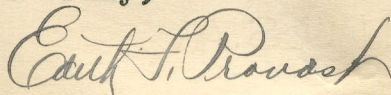
"Life of Edwin Booth" was published by Small & Maynard, finally represented by the rogue who has now, it is hoped, got into prison. "Freshman English and Theme Correcting in Harvard College" was published by the American Book Company. "Letters of Thomas Carlyle to His Sister" was published by Houghton & Mifflin. "The Representative Biographies" Mr. Copeland has only copy of. He thinks it was published by the McMillan Company.

"The Copeland Reader" you can easily get from Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons, or indeed, from any dealer. You should be careful not to get the worst edition, which is the students' edition in two volumes, printed on paper very inferior to that used in the one-volume edition, and in the subscription edition. Also, it is bound in black covers with red printing, like a poison bottle.

On no account should you send any of the books to Mr. Copeland for autographing, because you may never see it again, but he will, as strength is granted him, write his name on a small sheet of note paper for each volume.

Mr. Copeland perceives that your interest in him must have been cumulative, as this movement began in 1922, and you are only now writing to him for his books.

Yours truly,



Secretary.

August 27, 1929

Miss Edith F. Provost
The Walpole Inn
Walpole, N. H.

Dear Miss Provost:

Your letter bringing me information regarding Professor Copeland's books received. I greatly appreciate Mr. Copeland's interest in the Maine Authors Collection.

We shall at once go about finding the books to which you refer, and we will hope to receive from Mr. Copeland the autographs that we may attach to each of the books.

It is certainly very kind of Professor Copeland to send us "Freshman English and Theme Correcting in Harvard College."

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY.

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August 26, 1935

Prof. Charles Townsend Copeland
5 Concord Avenue
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Copeland:

Owing to rigid financial limitations, we have been unable to give the attention to our Maine Author Collection which we would like during the past several years, and therefore have been unable to add those books of yours which we had hoped to include in the collection. We know that a man of your station can fully appreciate our regret of the situation.

We notice from catalogues that TREASURY FOR BOOK-LOVERS was published in 1927, and COPELAND TRANSLATIONS in 1934. We are ordering a copy of each from the publishers, and we hope that you will be kind enough to send us an autograph on a slip of paper to insert in each volume, as was suggested by your secretary previously.

We are indeed grateful to you, as no doubt the entire state is, for giving to the world of literature such splendid volumes as those from your pen. Maine can well be proud of such an illustrious son, and it is with pride that we are at last able to gratify one of our most cherished wishes: that of including some books by the noted Professor Copeland in our Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

5 Concord Ave.
Cambridge, Mass.
August 30, 1935

Dear Miss McLeod,

Professor Copeland wishes me to say that he feels much honored at the Library of his own famous State wanting his books.

Mr. Copeland is extremely busy at this time, but will send his autograph as soon as he has a steadier hand.

Yours truly,

A. G. Felch

Secretary to
Professor C.T. Copeland

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Charles T. Copeland,
— his signature, with
best wishes for the
Library and abject
apologies to
Miss McLeod.

Cambridge,

May 11th

1936.

May 14, 1936

Dr. Charles Townsend Copeland
Apt. 52, 5 Concord Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Copeland:

We have received your signature and note of May 11, and thank you for your kindness and assistance. The signature is being placed in the Copeland Translations, and we very much appreciate the interest which prompted the kindness, for with this personal note, the books are indeed a mark of distinction in the Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

Maine State Library

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Secretary

January 19, 1937

Professor Charles Townsend Copeland
5 Concord Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Copeland:

Recently we received a copy of the
FAMILY LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON by
Charles Moore, sent to us through the
office of the Honorable Dennis A. Dooley,
State Librarian of Massachusetts, with
your compliments.

Please accept our thanks for this
valuable addition to the State Library
of Maine.

Very truly yours

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State Librarian