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July 5, 1932

Henry Harrison, Publisher
27 E. Seventh St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Harrison:

Thanks for your notification of the 2d inst.

Under no consideration do I wish any writings of mine to be published in your collection by "Maine Poets", at the terms which you state. This is final.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Charlotte Michaud

179 Pine St.,
Lewiston Maine

HENRY HARRISON
PUBLISHER NEW YORK

27 E. 7th ST.
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POETRY WORLD
July 2nd. 1932 A Monthly Magazine

Dear Mrs. Michaud:

Maine Poets is at last ready for the printers, and will be published before Oct. 1st.

We note that you have not yet complied with the condition that you pay \$16. for which you are to receive 10 copies of the anthology. Business formality compels us to inform you that unless we receive this sum at once, we shall be obliged to omit your poems from the book - reluctantly so.

Surely, you will not want to miss this opportunity of appearing in so distinguished and important a volume.

Cordially,
HENRY HARRISON, Publisher

Luba Aronoff
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Maine Poets, Attention!

We are convinced that it is for the ultimate and mutual good of poetry and individual poets that the necessarily postponed anthology, *Maine Poets* (foreword by Harold Vinal) should reach an apex which would render its tardiness the instrument of a benevolent fate.

Specifically speaking, we mean that in view of the evil decree which brought Mr. Harrison to bed with a long and severe illness, and immensely retarded his business, since he personally supervises all important work in the preparation and manufacture of his books, some compensation is due the state and its poets.

It is impossible for the anthology to appear at once. Under this circumstance, and particularly since we have many assurances that there remain poets not already included who are eager to present their work, we feel that another opportunity should be given those who remain outside the anthology and yet deserve a place in it to enter their contributions.

There is no reason why we should mince words concerning the already achieved scope of the book, as at this point, it certainly supercedes any anthology of its purpose which has been published. The list below of accepted contributors speaks for itself; at the same time, there is no reason why in comprehensiveness and value the anthology should not surpass even its own publisher's ambition.

Here is the list:

Amy Belle Adams
Anna Shaw Buck
Robert P. Tristram Coffin
Ruth Curtis Douglas
Wilhelmina Frost-Gibbs
C. C. Harvey
Elizabeth Haynes
Annie F. Hunter
Alice Cole Kleene
Charlotte Michaud
Hester Barbour Newey

Helen Marguerite Perri
E. C. Plummer
Jackson Robards
Edwin Arlington Robinson
Frances Rounds Rowell
Gilbert Rowell
G. K. Tibbetts
Frances Wright Turner
Harold Vinal
Cora Estelle Waldron
Emma A. Whittier

These are the simple, carefully considered conditions under which manuscripts should be submitted to this anthology: Send at once your 10 best poems, published or unpublished, with self-addressed, stamped envelope, from which, if acceptable, will be selected sufficient material to occupy not less nor more than three full pages (6 sonnet-size poems, for example, can be included). Each accepted poet must purchase 10 copies for a total of \$16 (the book will retail at \$2). Because various poets have informed us that their poems are unavailable, we ask that you permit us to judge of this. 200 copies will be sent out nationally for review, and a complimentary copy to the main public library in the country's fifty largest cities. Poets are permitted to include accepted poems in future collections or individual books.

Address Henry Harrison, publisher, 27 East 7th Street, New York.

P. S. It might be noted that the first state anthology to be published under our imprint, *Florida Poets*, has met with considerable enthusiasm. Hon. Doyle E. Carlton, Governor of Florida, writes: "I am under great obligations for this delightful book. I have already enjoyed browsing through these poems. I confess I did not know that we had so many Florida poets."

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Maine poem in the lot! Did your little protegee submit anything? I think her work has great promise; she has ideas.
May I have the Bryant letter returned?

Sincerely Yours

Maurice Lubb Kelly