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Madison, Wis.

June 4, 1903.

School of Economics

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RICHARD T. ELY, DIRECTOR.

To the Successor of Elder Frederick W. Evans,
Mt. Lebanon,
Columbia Co.,
N.Y.

Dear Sir;

I am obliged to address you as I have done, as I do not know who has succeeded Elder Frederick W. Evans with whom I was personally acquainted. I cannot say whether or not you were with the Shakers at the time of my visit to Mt. Lebanon, now almost twenty years ago. At that time both Elder Evans and Daniel Fraser were living, and with them I had interesting and instructive conversation, and after my visit I had from them both letters which I prize.

My special purpose in writing at the present time is to say that I am trying to gather together as nearly a complete set of publications of American communities as possible. They have a value for the student of history and social science, and I am sorry that I did not begin systematically to make a collection of this literature at an earlier day when I could have gotten many things which I now fear can be no longer obtained. I want to know what I can secure in the way of pamphlet, periodical, and book publications of the Shakers, and what the expense will be. My means are such that I cannot pay high prices, but if the cost is not too great I should like everything which could be had, and if I cannot pay for all, then I should like to make a selection among the things which you have. I should especially like the Shaker Manifesto, if a complete file can be had.

I trust that you are well and prosperous, and I should especially wish to be remembered to any friends who may have been at Mt. Lebanon at the time I enjoyed your hospitality.

Sincerely yours,

Richard R Ely

Rich. T. Ely
June 4. 1903.

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University of Wisconsin,
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RICHARD T. ELY, DIRECTOR.

Elder Daniel Offord,
North Family,
Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.

Esteemed Friend;

I am very glad, indeed, to have your kind letter of the 9th inst., and thank you for the generous offer which you therein make to me. Please send me your publications at my expense. If the box containing them should weigh as much as 100 pounds, it would be better to send it by freight. Kindly send them to me addressed 237 Prospect Ave., Madison, Wis. I want, as I said, all your publications so far as you can furnish them, including the hymnbook and your religious works; also the last edition of the Life of Elder Frederick W. Evans. The first edition I have. I am very glad you have a complete set of your Manifesto. I think also there is another periodical which was published for two or three years. I shall have the unbound volumes bound here in Madison.

I think you are quite right under the circumstances in feeling that you cannot donate the publications. I am sorry to learn that your Society is burdened with debt, and earnestly trust that you may succeed in your efforts to free yourselves.

I do not have any very clear idea as to the amount which these publications will cost. If the total amount should exceed \$25, I think it will be well to let me know before you send them. If, however it does not exceed that amount, you may send them on at once.

I thank you very much for your kind invitation to visit the

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Shaker Community again at your Mt. Lebanon home. I shall be very glad indeed if I have an opportunity to do so.

With kindest regards to you and my friends in Mt. Lebanon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Richard T. Ely

Rich. T. Ely
June 13. 1903

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University of Wisconsin,

Madison, Wis.

June 23, 1903.

School of Economics

and Political Science.

RICHARD T. ELY, DIRECTOR.

Elder Daniel Offord,
Mt. Lebanon,
New York.

Esteemed Friend;

I have received the box of books which you so kindly sent me, and inclose herewith New York draft for \$25. The list of books is correct. There are several pamphlets which are not included in the list, but the tracts in the list which I inclose herewith do not seem to have been included.

Would it be possible anywhere to find the missing volumes of the periodicals so as to make the files complete? If they are not at Mt. Lebanon, might they not be somewhere else? It also occurs to me that possibly there may have been sent to you, or to some of the other Families among the Shakers, publications of other Communistic Societies. I think Elder Frederic had more or less correspondence and acquaintance with the various communistic settlements in the country, and doubtless that is the case with others among you. If you have any literature of this kind which you care to dispose of, I should be glad to purchase it.

With regards, I remain,

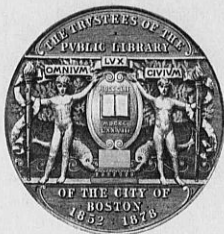
Faithfully yours,

Richard T Ely

(Inclosures.)

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Prof. Rich. T. Ely
June 23, 1905.



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of the City of Boston.*

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HORACE G. WADLIN,
Librarian.

Copley Square, Boston, Mass.

May 29, 1903.

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of the City of Boston for your courteous gift,
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placed in the Public Library.*

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

H. G. Wadlin

Librarian.

*To
The North Family of Skaters
Mt. Lebanon, Columbia Co., N.Y.*

Autobiography of a Shaker, and Revelation of the Apocalypse.
Mr. Lebanon Cesar books.
Immortalized. Elder J. W. Evans.
The Shakers and their homes.
The Ordehain: spirit of truth.

University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.

School of Economics

and Political Science.

RICHARD T. ELY, DIRECTOR.

February 24, 1904.

Eldress Anna White,

Mount Lebanon,

New York.

Dear Friend:-

Please accept my thanks for your kindness in sending me a copy of your leaflet on "The Motherhood of God."

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Richard T. Ely

Prof. Rich. T. Ely
Jan. 24. 1904.

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New Haven, Conn. March 7, 1904.

Anna White,

Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.

Dear friend:--

I received from you in this mornings mail the pamphlet entitled "The Motherhood of God", for which I wish to thank you most sincerely. It is seemingly strange, but formthe past week or ten days, you and Miss Allennand your beautiful home have been constantly before me, and the receipt of this article this morning would indicate in a measure, mental telegraphy. In the worry and bustle of business I find myself often thinking of your home of quiet, undisturbed, unalloyed peace and happiness. Certainly the life lead by your sisterhood and brotherhood is incomparable, not only more pleasant but more satisfactory, for after all the struggle that one endures here in the outer world practically fighting for ones own self preservation, with a mob in which selfishness predominates; your home and surroundings under these conditions seem heavenlike.

I have read your article on God Motherhood, and I can most sincerely assure you that it meets with my ideas which have existed for years having possessed one of the greatest treasures that can be possessed by any human being: a God-like Mother, who has passed over the dividing line. It is but natural that

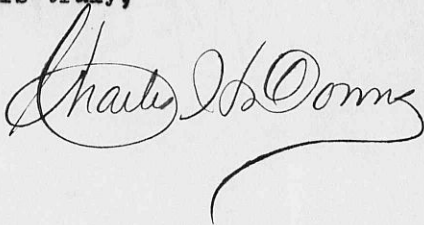
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one should look for the attributes of God in the Mother. You speak of the revelations made to Ann Lee, and also to the individual members of your home, and I can add my statement to the same effect. My people have suffered much from the courage of their convictions; on my Mother's side they were all spiritualists, strongly so, and I thus inherit unquestionably intuition or mediumistic qualifications. Hence my sympathy with you and your followers in the belief that the spirits of the departed can and do hold communion with those that are dear to them on this earth.

It is my hope and expectation to visit you in the near future.

With kind regards to yourself, and Miss Allen, I remain,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Donnell". The signature is written in dark ink and features a large, sweeping flourish that extends from the bottom of the name.

Werkshire Athenaeum,
Pittsfield, Mass.

Sister Anna White.
Mt. Lebanon - N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Could you
tell us where we may
obtain the complete numbers
of the "Manifesto"?

We are making a
special list of works on
Shakers and Shakerism,
in fact we aspire to
have the fifth largest

collection of books on
Shakers in the world,
therefore any information
or list of books that you
may have or know, will
be greatly appreciated.

Also do you know
whether F. W. Evans' middle
name is "William" or "White",
we find that authorities
differ.

Very cordially -
H. H. Ballard,
Librarian

Nov. 1, 1904.

Estimated friend; ^{Berkshire}
^{atheneum}
H. H. Ballard
Librarian.

~~We are highly pleased~~
to receive your letter of the 1st inst.
Your kind favor of the 1st inst.
is received and will say we will
be very happy to furnish you with
all the Shaker literature you
desire. ^{I think} We can furnish you with
complete no. of the Manifesto if
not, will write to other Societies
for them. Our neighbors of all
others, should have attention
and we esteem it highly that
you are
interesting yourself on our lines
of thought. ^{Why not} You should have
the largest collection of books
pamphlets tracts &c in the
world? We'll help you to it if ^{possible}
it shows plainly the trend
of the public mind.

Elder ^{of} Frederic signed his
name ^{of} J. W. Evans in full
it is ^{of} Frederic William Evans.

You are close by, can you ^{not}
give us a call.

Very cordially

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It is now thirty years since Bowker's Animal Meal was introduced, and it is more popular than ever among poultry men to make hens lay and make chickens grow. It is better than beef scraps, because it is dryer and goes further, and when hens are confined so they cannot pick up bugs, insects, etc., it is a most excellent substitute, supplying in a thoroughly cooked, easily digestible form just what hens need to make eggs with. It is made of fresh meat and bone, thoroughly steam-cooked, and is fed with other food in a mash. Our little book, "The Egg," is worth sending for. We mail it free.

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Last Quarter, 2d—31st.

New Moon, 9th.

First Quarter, 16th.

Full Moon, 24th.

Werkshire Athenaeum,
Pittsfield, Mass.

Nov. 5, '04

Anna White :-

Your very kind letter
is received with many thanks.

"To have the largest collection
in the world of Shaker
books, tracts, pamphlets, etc"

that's the very idea I
^{have} now in mind.

The Lebanon Settlements
are, as I understand it,
the original American
settlements. Pittsfield
is the town nearest
of towns having a large
library. We have always
taken a deep interest

in your work and your ^[2]
history. We have already
a good beginning - perhaps
the third largest collection
in the United States.

To be quite honest, I
must confess that my
personal interest is rather
from a librarian's stand-
point, than from that of
a philosophic student,
but there are many
who do take a deep
interest in your lines
of thought, and there is
much in your books
of interest to every
thinking person.

Among other lines of

Berksire Athenaeum,
Pittsfield, Mass.

interest, curiously enough,
is the genealogical. A
gentleman from a dis-
tant city visited our
library only a day or
two since, and was
delighted to find in one
of our Shaker books a
mention of his grandfather,
Elder Ebenezer Cooley,
who journeyed to Maine
Settlements in 1785.

I want to get
every scrap of paper

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Ever printed one, or
written one, or lectured
on, by or about the
United Society of Believers
in Christ's Second Ap-
pearing. We have not
a great deal of money
which can be appropri-
ated for this purpose,
but whenever necessary
to secure a rare book
or pamphlet, shall
make an earnest en-
deavor.

I suppose the
first thing will be
to let you know
what we already have.

Berkshire Athenaeum,
Pittsfield, Mass.

I will therefore send you some time soon a complete list of every thing we have - then you will know just what we want, viz everything else.

It occurs to me also that you must have manuscript records giving names, & vital statistics of all your members from the beginning. Copies of these we should wish - also business publications - such as send-catalogues etc., which

I mention, since you might think that we would not care for them,

Copies of deeds, such for example as the deeds transferring the Teyring ham property. - Photographs both of buildings & members. - Newspaper clippings, and for our Museum, typical specimens of Shaker Manufacture such as leather, furniture, clothing - a complete Shaker Costume - both for ^{young & old} male & female, + ^{these} these would serve also as a permanent advertisement of your good -

Werkshire Athenæum,
Pittsfield, Mass.

So that the Society might
be willing to make the
contribution. A model
of one of your typical
houses + meeting-houses,
+ schools, would be
interesting; also complete
set of text-books,

if such a thing exists,
any memorial of your
founder; that is any
book, or other article ever
owned by Am Lee -

You see we could
make a sort of Shaker
St. Louis Exposition for all

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time. I suppose it would
be difficult, perhaps im-
possible to get a copy
of the ritual of the
innermost circle, the
highest, most ^{intimate} ultimate
degrees?

Thanking you for
your generous offer
of assistance, & prom-
ising to call as soon
as an opportunity offers,
though probably not before
next December,

I am very cordially
Harlan H. Ballard



*The Public Library
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*Horace G. Wadlin,
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Copley Square, Boston, Mass.

February 9 1905

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To

The North Family.

Mt. Lebanon,

N.Y.

"Shakerism, its Meaning and Message".
By Anna White & L.S. Taylor.

Association de la Paix par le Droit

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Nimes le 24 août 1906

Eldress Anna White, Mount Lebanon.

Madame,

M. Prudhommeaux, professeur à Nimes étant actuellement en vacances me charge de vous remercier les clichés d'imprimerie que vous avez eu l'obligeance de lui prêter pour illustrer son ouvrage sur les Communautés. Le tirage des plates a été retardé par des circonstances imprévues, c'est la cause qu'il les a gardés si long temps. Je vous les renvoie aujourd'hui même; en voici la liste :

1. Center family Dwelling, Pleasant Hill Ky., erected 1824,
2. Eldress Anna White,
3. Harvard, Mass. Meeting house on the right,
4. Church family, Enfield, N.H. Abarcama Lake
5. Bird's eye view of Mount Lebanon village, from the great stone barn at north family.

En même temps j'en envoie 4 à l'elder Henry C. Blinn, à Canterbury (N.H.). Comme je ne sais pas exactement ceux que vous aviez bien voulu prêter vous-même à M. Prudhommeaux et ceux que M. Henry

M. Blinn lui avait prêté de son côté et est fort possible que je me suis trompé dans le choix de ceux qui vous appartiennent à chacun. Je ne pense pas cependant que cela fasse des difficultés. Voici la liste de ceux que je lui envoie :

1. Shaker Village, Alfred Maine
2. Elder Henry C. Blinn
3. Eldress Mary P. Vance
4. " Mary Whiteher, Trustee.

Tous voudrez bien, je vous prie, faire savoir à M. Prudhommeaux lorsque vous les aurez reçus, afin que nous soyons certains que le paquet n'est pas égaré.

Avec ses plus vifs remerciements, j'ai l'honneur de vous présenter, Madame, mes respectueuses salutations.

Pour M. J. PRUDHOMMEAUX, Secrétaire

C. Rauzy