Sing A Song Of Contests
And Merry Judges Three

Once upon a time there was a contest, which was, to be quite frank, strictly legitimate. No strings attached. No gill-edged vacation giveaways. Just a nice literary contest sponsored by the Pipers' Guild. And the entries poured in, and the contest closed, and the judges judged. And the trouble began.

When the contest closed, entries were sent to three very capable judges, Dr. Otto Eisenschiml ('Uncle Otto' to CSFans), author, chemist and historian; John L. Raymond, bibliophile; and Sister M. Carol Ann, O.S.F., St. Francis Academy English instructor. But the judges had their own ideas.

Each of the judges chose an entirely different set of winners for first, second and third place—which meant—there were ties all the way around. Instead of three winners, there were nine. The Pipers' settled the issue by awarding prizes to the three writers who were given first place by each of the judges.

Receiving first place votes are 'Divine Foresight,' a poem by Sister M. Jean Francis, O.S.F., and essays, 'The Loveliest Pearl,' by Marilyn Brolley and 'En Mi Defensa,' by Dolores Torres.

Sharing second place are 'Divine Persuasion,' a poem by Sister M. Alette, O.S.F., 'Summer Rain' and 'Storm.' Receiving a third place berth are 'Speaking—Actually!' an essay by Madonna Plese, and two poems, Sister Alette's 'Midnight Passenger' and Miss Seilheimer's 'City Spring.'

Two poems, 'Beggar' by Sister Alette and 'Irrevocable' by Alice Audrieth, merit honorable mention, in addition to an essay, 'Typical Dieters' by Bette Bradford and a short-short story, 'Alley Breed,' by Mary Cullen and Ladona O'Neill.

The moral of this story might well be, 'To each his own,' or, 'What better way could the Guild receive so many entries for the Spring edition of 'Pipers' Papers' than by sponsoring a writing contest?'

Deltas Advance
Senior Induction
To February 14

For the first time, induction of new members into Delta Epsilon Sigma, national honor society, will be held at the beginning of the second semester. The date set is February 14. Previously, the induction had taken place during Honors Day activities.

Joan Meinsen, president of the society, will preside at the meeting and induction. A literary topic and a modern problem will be presented at two panel discussions.

Members will be chosen from the senior class at the close of this semester.

The Lord
Bless Thee...

May the Lord bless thee . . . to Mr. and Mrs. J. M., parents of alumnae, for their continuing gift at Christmas, this year a check for $100. It will go toward the scholarship fund. Worthy students will profit by their generosity and sacrifice. Why not follow their lead?

May the Lord bless thee . . . to the business firm which sent $300 for the scholarship fund. Here at CSF, pennies are stretched till Lincoln's jaw almost cracks. Still some students must stop school because of money problems. You can help.

May the Lord bless thee . . . to the Lions Club of Joliet, for $120 for day-student scholarships. Yearly, the Lions' gift helps students. Send what YOU can. The Lord will bless thee.
January 12, 1954

Mr. John Raymond  
712 North Dearborn Street  
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,  

Best wishes and blessings for this year of 1954, belated though they be. I hope this season of Christmas has been a holy and blessed one for you.

We appreciate and thank you for the lovely desk calendar received from you for the library. It will be very useful throughout the year. Also, thank you for the two books, A Journal, by T. Hughes and The Descent of Liberty, by Leigh Hunt. the latter is a most beautifully bound book.

In regard to the title you inquired about, The Life of George Crabbe, by his son; with introduction by Edmund Blunden. London, Cresset Press, we do not have in the library.

We are sorry we were not available when you visited here recently.

Sincerely yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Anselm, O.S.F.
Jan. 16, 1954

Mr. John L. Raymond
712 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond:


I am turning it over to the Library where it will be added to the JLR collection.

Hope you are keeping well. We are really fortunate in this area, when we consider the below-zero weather and wind storms that have hit other cities and towns.

CSF will begin semester tests this coming Friday; second semester begins February 1--how time is flying this year.

Sister Chrysanthia has moved over to R.H. building and is getting around, coming to meals and the like, but I do not think she will teach yet next semester.

Every good wish to you from the Book Hookers Society and all the Sisters, and again a Blessed 1954.

Yours sincerely in
Our Lady,

Sister Mary Elura, O.S.F.
January 26, 1954

Mr. John Raymond
712 North Dearborn Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond:

This past week or so has brought repeated surprises in the form of book treasures, some through Sister Elvira, and some direct -- The Georgian Playhouse, by Richard Southern, The Life of George Crabbe, by his Son, Songs from the Four Winds of Erin, an unusual little book, and The Hand Press, by H. Pepler. We did have a good time with the last named book, especially the marginal notes.

Each of these is interesting in its own way. If only we had the leisure time to sit down and enjoy reading them when our interest is aroused. But, of course, that is impossible, so we skim here and there as the eye is caught by some interesting passage.

We, Book Hookers, thank you for these additions to the collection.

Semester exams are on this week, so the library is a refuge for concentrated study, and should I say, possibly cramming for some.

Assuring you of our appreciation, we are

Sincerely yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Ana, O.S.F.
Librarian
New Books Are Given To Library

New volumes being added to the library include a collection from John L. Raymond, books of popular appeal, and additions to the Marian library.

Mr. Raymond, benefactor of the college library, recently donated a collection of outstanding books. Among these are ‘The Songs From The Four Winds of Eirinn’ by Ethna Carbery. This is an unusual gathering of songs placed in open-type folders.

Another rare gift is a manuscript, ‘The Gloria,’ which was written by hand and can be dated circa 1490. Mr. Raymond describes it as “A single page of vellum from an old hand missal with the opening words of the Gloria. Capital letters and staff (are) in red square notes and text in black.”

Raymond Room Enriches Library

By Miriam Madden, ’56

A ‘world within a room’ is right here at CSF. It is the library’s John L. Raymond room, located in the east wing of Scholastic Building and containing more than 800 rare, limited and first edition books donated to the College by Mr. Raymond.

The Raymond room has a definite ‘browsing’ atmosphere. Furnishings, also donated by Mr. Raymond, are in mahogany. A Duncan Phyfe sofa in blue-striped damask occupies a central position in the room. A Sheraton mahogany side chair, a matching Sheraton mahogany arm chair and small mahogany tables are artistically placed. Bookcases line two walls of the room.

The Raymond room contains books for every taste. Literature, art, and music predominate, but books on tea, marionettes, book collecting, cookery, interior decoration, silver, furniture, and a host of other subjects are also included.


An especially interesting single item is a manuscript letter, enclosed in a folder of crimson silk, which was sent from John Tenniel, illustrator for ‘Alice in Wonderland,’ to Charles Agnew. It reads in part: ‘... give the accompanying copies of ‘Alice,’ to your little girl, with my love.’
February 24, 1954

Mr. John Raymond
712 North Dearborn Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,

During the past weeks interesting books have been coming from you for the library collection -- Bygone Pleasures in London, by W. S. Scott; Hodge Podge, by Mr. Phibbs; Fanny Kelly, by Basil Francis.

I am unable to say more than that we received them, for I took them for the "Book Hookers" to see and they really have "hooked" them. They have not been returned yet. This, of course, is evidence of the interest your books arouse.

Also, the books through Sister Elvira -- The Birds of America, by James Audubon and Audubon's Butterflies, Moths and other Studies are beautifully illustrated. The Sisters in the Biology Dept. were very enthusiastic over these books.

Again I must express my regret not being around when you visited here recently.

Kindest regard from each of the "Book Hookers".

Sincerely yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annae, O.S.F.

Librarian
Dear Mr. Raymond,

I came across your letter today; it was dated January 4, and I blush to think I have been so negligent in answering it. It was buried under a heap of mail, and other things, the contents of which I won't mention just now. Ever since I became a school ma'am I have so many more little things around here in my room, that the worthwhile objects get lost. So, I apologize for the delay.

I was happy to hear about Mr. Brown. I had been thinking of him recently, and I wondered what had become of him. Now I know. He has chosen the better part, and I sincerely hope he has found what his heart desires. It is interesting to observe how vocations to the religious life are made known to us. I had noticed his devotion to Mary when he visited here. Remember how devoutly he prayed before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima? I could not help but notice. It was and is, unusual, I believe. Possibly his brother Damien's prayers were with him when he visited the grave. I hope he will be able to accomplish much for the higher things of life.

I am sorry that I missed you the two visits you made here recently. I hope it will not happen again.

Sister Elvira has shown me the books you sent recently, and although I do not have the time to read them thoroughly, I can see that they are very worthwhile. God bless the donor, and keep him safe.

Saint Philomena is still the guardian of our little request for a hundred-acre campus for the college. Our faith ought to be rewarded, don't you think?

My sincere good wishes for many blessings during this holy season of Lent.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Sister M. Aniceta, O.S.F.
May 12, 1954

Mr. John L. Raymond
712 North Dearborn Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The past week was one of repeated surprises with the arrival of the following books: St. Cyril and Methodius, by Rev. E. A. Fensik; Ditchling, by M. E. Christie; Journey to the Coastal Marsh, by James Feibleman; Plays for Puppets, by Jan Bussell; Puppets and Marionettes, by Roger Lewis; and Photobiography, by Cecil Beaton.

As I recall, a number of books given in the past, have been published by the Ditchling Press, so it was very interesting to see the book on Ditchling itself.

The Journey to the Coastal Marsh is in very unusual type, fine and outstanding, but a little hard to read. I read some of the stanzas, and the content could provide thought for meditation. I found it quite interesting, and we are happy to add it to our collection.

The "Book Hookers" are fascinated by the book on Photobiography, and it is still circulating. The author has such an interesting style, and most of them are attracted to the section about England's royalty.

The Interlude has given you some of the events here as the school year is drawing to a close.

Kind regards from each and all of the "Book Hookers".

Gratefully yours in Mary,

Sister M. Ansel, O.S.F.

Librarian
May 24, 1954

Mr. John L. Raymond
712 North Dearborn Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The "Cable Car Carnival" came last week and has provided interesting as well as humorous pastime on San Francisco in the days of the cable. It was all the more interesting as some of our Sisters recently attended the Franciscan Marian Congress held at San Francisco.

Also, on Saturday "The Diaries if Lewis Carroll" came. It looked interesting, but I only glanced at it; it was "hooked" soon after. I'll see more of it later.

I shall make this brief as I want you to get this Commencement Program. As you see, Graduation Day is Saturday, which brings another school year to a close.

Again, best wishes from the members of the "Book Hookers Club".

Gratefully yours in Mary,

Sister M. Annas O.S.F.

Librarian
Dear Mr. Raymond,

You have been so thoughtful of me, and I am very grateful. I, too, am glad that you were able to come to my jubilee. The day was a happy one in every way.

Thank you for your letter and for the beautiful holy pictures that you enclosed. I am glad to have them.

I am happy to know that you like the rosary, and happier that you will remember me when you pray. You must surely know that I pray for you. To remember you in my visits is the least I can do.

Sincerely in Our Lady,

Sister M. Hermina O.S.F.

Mr. John Lloyd Raymond
712 North Dearborn Street
Chicago 10, Illinois
July 14, 1954

Mr. John L. Raymond
712 North Dearborn Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Thank you very much for the books which came last week; also, I enjoyed receiving your letter.

It is not lack of appreciation that I have not written sooner about the book you brought on Jubilee Day. For a time, our gifts had gotten lost among Sister Hermia's many gifts and were not at first located. Both Sister Laetare and I appreciate your thoughtfulness, and since Sister Laetare is not here at present, I wish to thank you for her.

As to the book, The Affectionate Parent's Gift, it is another of the Ditchling Press, quite interesting, and I must say, different reading from that of the present day. I have picked it up several times. It certainly has the style of the period.

The books, Still Talking at Random, by Douglas Woodruff, The Subtle Sense, by Ralph Bienfang and the Overturned Lake, by Charles Henri Ford each
arouse interest in its own way. I have had the opportunity only to glance at them, for the summer session and increased help demand much time and attention.

The *Fields*, by Conrad Richter is not one of the titles of our collection.

We are happy to have you here for Sister Hermina's Jubilee, and all of us Sisters enjoyed the time spent together on that day.

Kind regards from the "Book-Hookers", some of whom are elsewhere for the summer.

Gratefully yours,

Sister M. Aurea, O.S.F.
August 13, 1954

Mr. John L. Raymond
712 North Dearborn Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Again, I wish to thank you for the books you sent a few days ago, and they are received with appreciation and interest; also the two books, The Fields, by Conrad Richter and Daumier, caricaturist, by Henry James, sent the latter part of July.

The books, Leatherwork, by L. Johnson; The Shaping Spirit, by William Van O'Connor; How to Use a Book, by E. Wayne Marjarum; and The Letters of Two French Cats (already hooked) are of interest to "Book Hookers" in the various departments.

With the happenings here these days, I have not looked at the books enough to make comment, but I do want you to know they were received.

I am going away for a week or so, and I did not want to delay writing this letter to you before I go.

Best wishes and kindest regards from the "Book Hookers".

Sincerely yours in Mary,

Sister M. Anne, O.S.F.

P.S. Old Sporting, by Hugh McDonald, came this morning. Thank you again.
S.M.A.
J. M. J. T.

September 27
The Marian Year

Dear Mr. Raymond:

To think that I am now a "Book Holder!" You have no idea how much I appreciate the certificate of membership and the gift which accompanied it.

It was like seeing an old friend again — when I unwrapped the 1792 edition of Aesop's Fables. I spent practically a year in the rare book room of the U. M. Library when I wrote my doctoral dissertation. It was a daily, thrilling experience to handle those old and rare books! Now when I feel nostalgic for the U. M. rare books, I'll just drop into our Raymond room and read a little of Milne for awhile.

Thank you, Mr. Raymond, for your kind feelings and for the book.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Sister M. Claudine, O. F. T.