May 21, 1955

Dear Sister Aurea:

Thank you for your letter and the Interlude with the picture and text on the New Wing. It looks as if much progress has been made and I am hoping to see it soon. The Commencement announcement and program was also appreciated. This will be a busy coming-week for all of you at CSF.

The small biography of H.C. Andersen is in my hands and I am about through reading it, then to the post to you-see clipping enclosed.

Recently I joined the Jubilee book club and have had the first two selections. The present one: The Mystery of the Charity of Joan of Arc by Charles Péguy (translated by Julian Green) is not easy reading, at least for me, but I am going to try to let it simmer and try it again. Do you have a copy? It is a Pantheon book.

We had a busy Ascension Day at Saint Mary Church at 8 am First Communion with each child sitting with his or her parents (on the central aisle) and the entire thing stressed as a family affair. This was the first time I had seen the Sacrament handled on that basis but I rather like the idea. I was a guest at a home here for a First Communion Breakfast (Susan Fitzgerald) and feel certain that people here have the happy idea of parties and gatherings for all sorts of things—we had many special tables in the main dining room at the Inn for families who had had children at First Communion.

That evening Bishop Sheil was here for Confirmation and it was quite beautifully handled. He gave a fine talk. There were 164 in the class, many adults among them, one a little Chinese girl who is a student at Barat College.

There will be a book or two drifting your way in a week or so, one, to be autographed "specially", is the book of poetry by Isabella Gardner.

Please give my best wishes and regards to the members of the Book-Hooker Society. Do not work too hard on what- ever there is "most of".

Cordially and sincerely yours,

John L.

Lake Forest, Illinois
May 27, 1955

Dear Sister Aurea:

A copy of Bequest of Wings by Annis Duff was started on its way to CSF today. It is not a new publication and you may have it in the catalogue, but another copy will not be amiss.

The enclosed picture post-cards were to have been sent from Waukegan, but I placed them in my coat pocket and here they are—late but here!

Waukegan is our county seat and a large shopping center. It is a manufacturing area with a mixed population. I saw a rather dull movie, did some light shopping and visited a couple interesting churches—one of which, see postals.

Central Book Store in Chicago is having a special sale next week of a collectors' library. I received a card yesterday and hope to pay a visit to the sale just to "see what is going on" and maybe pick up an item or two for CSF.

Some of the guests at the Inn are avid mystery tale readers and I have been given a number to read (some of which are returned with thanks but not with my saying I've read them) and a recent one was quite an interest-holder, Follow the Seventh Man by Robert Stan-dish. He really goes in for fast action in his tales.

My kind regards to the Book Hooker Members.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Raymond
A small book on A Greek in the Post
today - the colors are good. Clipping from
Chicago Daily News - 6/1/55. "A V. Weather -
to the Great City today + to a Couple
book tales - of which - more anon. We
hope. I'm reading some Murder Mysteries!
All good wishes to the B.H. Society
Members -

F. L. H.

Lake Forest

June 2, 1955.
ANDRÉ MASSON
Female Faun
The Art Institute of Chicago
Post Card

Waukegan
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Sister M. Aurea O.S.F.
College of Saint Francis
Joliet
Illinois
Shopping in the "County Seat"!

I found a small Catholic book shop.

Will return card. More re books in a few days.

Best - [signature]
Lake Forest Illinois
July 14, 1955

Dear Sister Aurea:

Your note and letter were appreciated as were the extra copies of the *Interlude*. I have yet to locate a rich man (or woman) who is interested in our new campus! One must never abandon hope; I have been told. Of the rich, more at a later time.

This morning I am posting to you: *Wood Chips* by Clark Wood, of interest to your Journalists; *Wilderness Clearing* by Walter D. Edmonds and *Mystery of Joan of Arc* (English translation by Julian Green) by Péguy. I did not know that Edmonds had done books for young people and when I found this item recently, had to have it. The illustrations are interesting.

The Jubilee offering, latest, was *Advent* by Fr. Jean Danielou and *Golden Goat* by Father R.L. Bruckberger. I presume you have both titles at CSF, but if not, you are welcome to either or both.

This extreme hot weather has me in a mean state of mind. I think I was born for the Spring and Fall of the year, or else the Arctic.

I hope to get over to Joliet before the end of the month and shall force myself to do so, if you can abide wilted collars, before the month fades into August.

We have had a very busy season here and it looks like the place will be busy until late Fall.

Tell Sister Chrysanthia that I will write shortly in response to her fine letter.

Does CSF have a copy of *Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates*?

The Lake Forest Library is a dream and I am right at home in the place. They call me on the telephone when books I want to read are available and it is always very pleasant to chat with the librarians. They mark their books with a stamp of some form which raises the letters right in the paper—on the order of the seal of a notary public and in some instances, they use a perforated type of mark.

Give my kind regards to the Book Hooker members.

Cordially and sincerely,

[Signature]
August 13, 1955

Dear Sister Duree:——

A Special Copy of Birthdays from the Ocean by Isabella Gardner is on its way to the Bookkeepers. I looked through it and liked 'At the Zoo,' 'Abraham and Isaac,' 'It Rained Last Night'—note the phrase 'Rained Voices!', and 'Himself,' 'Also the Only Relic.' This poet seems to
Use words that bounce and sparkle. Dame Edith Sitwell says Miss Gardner is brilliant - so maybe that is why her nouns are so full of speed and flash.

My best wishes to all the B.H. Members.

Cordially and sincerely,

[Signature]
Stutz Bearcat—1915

Dear Sister Anne:—Just a short note to ask if you have Dr. Benedict Joseph Labre by Agnes B. Lawrance in the Catalog. It is the current item on the Jubilee Book Club.

Though not new (1952) is a hand-typed print. If you do not have or wish a second copy, please let me know.

We are luxuriating in this wonderful cool air after a little touch of Hades!

Kind wishes to all the Book-Fanatic People.

Cordially & sincerely yours,

John L.
September 28, 1955

Dear Sister Aurea:

The final selection of the Jubilee Book Club came yesterday. It is THREE MYSTICS S. Teresa of Avila, S. John of the Cross and El Greco. You probably have the book as it is an old title (1949) but if you do not find it in the catalogue, or, want a second copy, let me know and I will ship it on to you. I am well into it and to my great surprise, find that I am enjoying it. The illustrations are fine.

By now the new semester is probably under control and everyone busy as bees. My kind regards to you as well as to the Book-Hooker Crew.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
October 9, 1955

Dear Sister Aurea:

A copy of the Puzzler Alumni Magazine was left here by a guest, and I took it over. I rather thought you might enjoy the article on the...
library. It is being sent via parcel post tomorrow. This wonderful weather is a great joy to me. The annual Art Show invitation reached me this day. The invitation seemed to me, this year, (we have one Sunday meal) and it is (the) most attractive. I am planning to see the exhibits. Cordially, J.R.
Dear Sister Aurea:

The book described on the enclosed card is going out to you today. Be sure all the book-hookers will have a lot of enjoyment in its beauty. The clipping are 17 general.
interest - the one on Andersen is from a friend who "dates" on him.
All good wishes to the Book - Hooker Society Members.

Cordially & Sincerely yours,

John [Signature]