January 16, 1957

Dear Sister Area:—

The enclosed clipping on The Organization Man by Whyte is interesting and is due as my next selection from the Reader's Subscription and will be forwarded to C & F shortly.

I hope all at C & F are keeping warm this frigid winter. Despite the zero weather I manage to get back with the poodle every day.

Good wishes and kind regards, to all the book-hoards. Cordially and friendly yours,

John Raymond.
Lake Forest, Illinois
May 1, 1957

Dear Sister Aurea:

Thank you for the Easter Greeting, which I found upon my return from the north. Holy Week, Easter and later I was with my sisters and brother in Saint Paul and in Wisconsin (Eau Claire).

The weather was ideal and we made the most of it. I saw more of that area than I ever did before. University of Minnesota Campus, College of St. Thomas, three Art Museums, a Jewish Temple and school of excellent contemporary architecture, the new Saint Olaf Church, Minneapolis, very modern and fine, they work closely with the Newman Club group at the U of M. We went to Mendota to see the Sibley and Fairibault houses-heavy local stone, built in 1835 and now cared for by the DAR. We managed to get in early so I had lots of rest and that was good for my back—I have had some trouble with my sciatic area and it seems to be clearing up very well.

On my last day in S. Paul I was taken through the great James Halle Memorial Library and naturally that was lots of fun. They have a department of pictures, framed, which are loaned like books. The choice of wide selection and theme is there and one of the custodians told me that it was a success from the start-originated in 1945.

On my next jaunt to CSF I shall bring a couple books I have been saving for you. Collected Stories by Isaac Babel (a Red) The Shock of Recognition by Edmund Wilson Mallarmé, Poems, essays, etc., ed. by E. Cook Selected Writings by Jules Laforgue ed by W. J. Smith Ben and Me written and illus. by Robert Lawson

The last named is a first edition and I found it at my sisters' home, it had been "loaned" many years back. It is the biography of Benjamin Franklin as written by his pet mouse Amos--Little Brown and Company, 1939.

Chaucer and the Fifteenth Century and English Literature at the Close of the Middle Ages by H. S. Bennett and E. K. Chambers (in one book) which is volume II of the Oxford History of English Literature. The volumes are not coming out in numerical order, as you probably know, but I have it on order for the RR at CSF and expect it later in May.

Please give my best wishes to all the members of the Book Hooker Society.

Cordially and sincerely yours, [Signed]

[Signature]
May 16, 1957

Dear Sister "A":

Please the enclosed clipping re: Craft and Character in Modern Fiction by N.J. Zabel. It is the alternate selection for May of the Reader's Subscription. If it is in your catalog, let me know. If it is on your want-list, ditto.
The first book is a Collection of Novels I do not want. Collection for Residential Room in mind. Please let me know at an early date. I'll have a few good things for the book room soon.

All Good Wishes.

John R.
June 5, 1957

Dear Sister Aurea:

Craft and Character in Modern Fiction by Zabel reached me yesterday. Will arrive C.S.F. shortly.

On June 22-8'm
Planning the whole day @ your campus to help our famous book "hooker celebrate" one rarely sees in X-president Crowned?

Our summer season here is a bit hectic @ times but we all hope to survive. Cordially and sincerely, John R.
August 18, 1957

Dear Sister Laura:

Does C.S.F. have a copy of Dr. Stern’s book? (Phaedr and Medea — 1954), Reading it now. Enjoying the magazine Jubilee, no
and. When the hay fever season
is gone I'll pop in for a visit.
until - All kind regards to your
the "busy-fingered" Book. Stokers.
Cordially yours -

John Raymond.
December 27th.

Dear Alice, 

Just a short note to thank you for all your time yesterday and to tell how much I did enjoy my personal tour.

Please check the Catalog for: The Collected Tales by A.E. Coppard - Knopf - NY - 1921.

No rush - when you get the time.

Cordially and Sincerely yours,

John Raymond.