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he Lord bless thee and keep thee. May He show His face to thee and have mercy on thee. May He turn His countenance to thee and give thee peace. The Lord bless thee!

-- Blessing of St. Francis.
January 28, 1958

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Thank you for the catalog you sent. I looked through them and was interested in some of the reviews. I was happy to have a familiar title here and there as we have them in the library, such as "Hardy's Poems" and "The Golden Book of Ecclesiology." I am somewhat in doubt about the check for the "British" through and it is quite a review and companion of the two books.
Reading room. At present it is "meed."

We have done some more moving. Our Catalog room is now on the north side. Everything seems to go wrong. According to that we should receive a great blessing.

I can hear Sister Henniex say, "Mr. Raymond ought to see how the library looks."

Well, maybe you will see it before things are in order. If you don't wait too long.

Best wishes from each of the "Book Thieves."

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Regula, O.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

The books, "The Pictorial History of American Presidents" by John and Eliee Durant and "The Collected Table of A. E. Coppard" were received two or more weeks ago. "The Last Days" by Jack Dimsen and "The Death in the Family" by James Aynz arrived last week. That evening I started to write to you, and I was examining the books, but do you see what happened? I began reading and the letter was never completed. I am now on duty in the library time: 7:30 p.m. I ought to finish this letter if I keep the books closed. They look very interesting.

These days there are many unexpected things to do as well as adjustments to make. In addition, it seems so many questionnaires have been coming. I don't get anything else finished. Just now, there are three on your awaiting.
completion

The painting of the library is practically finished. There are several rooms to be finished behind the shelving where we get the books moved. The moving of books is a slow process when you need to see the same book twice and problems arise and adjustments need to be made. Moreover, the daily work must be taken care of and one must avoid the time when there is student help.

How do you like the good sub-zero weather? Aren't you happy you don't have to travel at this time? I get out just enough to enjoy the freshness of the air.

Dinner Dance was successful in every way. It was really done in grand style and certainly was the event of the season. We can tell you about it much better when we see you.

I was pleased to receive your two letters. I told Sister Hermena and she said to tell you "Hello" and she said to tell you "Hello". Best wishes from each of the "Black Rocks" and may you have a happy and profitable Lent. God bless you in St. Francis.

Sister M. Anna O.S.F.
April 3, 1958

Dear Mr. Raymond:

A joyous and Blessed Easter to you from each of the "Book Fanatics". May our risen Saviour give you abundant grace and our prayers for you.

The book(s) you sent are most gratefully received. Those in English appreciate very much the letter of Byron and Keats, while those in music idolize "Evening with the Orchestra" by Kent E. Becker. Also, I noticed that "Julia Elphick" by Joanna Stepleton sent some time ago is a Crook's book. We hope you can manage to get away soon this summer.

The College. (Per: Sister K. A.)
Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate
520 Plainfield Avenue
Joliet, Illinois

Easter Monday, 1958

My dear Friend,

Your lovely Easter greeting pleased me very much -- so much that I feel I must make a return. "In Mei Memoriam" belongs to the season; "My Wish" is for all seasons and covers all your days. I trust it may come true in your regard, and that you will be truly blessed.

I liked your promise too, and shall remember it. Do you do likewise, for when the warm weather comes I shall expect it to bring - you!

Yours in prayerful remembrance,

Sister M. Hermina, O.S.F.
May 6, 1958

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Easter has come and gone, but may you receive many graces and blessings of this holy season.

The days are passing so quickly that vacation will be here before we realize it. You can see from the Intersala that many of the days are filled with activities.

It may be well here to explain why you received two issues at the same time. Since we are not in the same building someone slipped and failed to give the previous issue which came out before Easter. Reminded did not bring results until the next Intersala came out.

We are still moving ahead. Snags and adjustments come up now and then to delay the process. We get help on Saturday as much as accomplished at weekends.
We hope you are well and not working too hard. Now that the weather is warmer, perhaps, you can get some time off, perhaps out to Joliet. The campus in spring is beautiful, so fresh and green.

The newly consecrated Franciscan Bishop Ryan spent some time in Joliet. He spoke to the student body of the South American missionary work for which he had much zeal. He has a dynamic personality, great fluency, and ease in speech. The next morning he said Mass in our chapel.

The various happenings to Cardinal Stritch appear so tragic, yet he is so admirable in his acceptance and outlook. Really, he is an example to the whole world.

I am on duty in the library, and it will soon be time to close up—mine 9–11.

Kindest regards from each of the "Book Fairies".

Yours in St. Francis,
Sister M. Anne, O.S.F.
Mr. John Lloyd Raymond
255 East Illinois Road
Lake Forest, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond:

Better late than never -- the final copy of the "Interlude" for 1957-1958.

And thank you for "The Idol and the Shrine" which we received recently. It is another worthy addition to our "Raymond Room."

Sincerely, in St. Francis,

Sister M. Aurea, O.S.F.

Sister M. Aurea, O.S.F.,
Librarian
We are the Minstrels of the Lord, whose Work it is to lift up People's hearts and Move them to Spiritual Gladness!

— St. Francis of Assisi.
July 27, 1958

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your much needed vacation must be enjoyable indeed. I have received your cards. They indicate the miles of traveling you are doing and the interesting places you are taking in along the way. I am sure it has gone by much too quickly for you. When you pay us a visit, you can tell me about the places you have seen and about scenes of interest.

This is the last week of the summer session. Needless to say, most of us teachers are happy to see the end. But for the fortunate who have come from the missions the days have passed entirely too fast. July 31st is test day. Then there will follow a few days of cleaning for those who remain for the retreat, August 5th to 13th.

After the 13th, I am going for a visit home for a few days. After that the days will be spent in preparation for the
opening of school in September.

I received the books you sent earlier in the mail, for which I am grateful. Someone sent Bad and Lynette in a fine copy. The print is well enough to read with space between lines. Sister Chrysantha was delighted with Rosamunde's Table, which I read in the class works and showed the book. I read the Angel and the Broom. This especially also for the story. Sister Chrysantha promised to write a long letter some time.

Greetings from each of the "Book Hookers."

Yours in St. Francis,
Sister M. Renee, O.S.F.
J.M.J.F.

August 23, 1958

My dear Friend,

"Just remembered..." says my card. But I really haven't forgotten for a single day your lovely series of cards, nor have I lost sight of the fact that I ought to say thanks to you and tell you how much I appreciated the cards and your thoughtfulness in sending them. They are beautiful, and in spirit I made your trip with you. I keep looking at them from day to day, and each time I enjoy them all over again. I am very glad you had the chance to make that trip and to see the many missions and churches -- historic old places, with surely many treasures of art.

There's only one little drawback to all this traveling, as far as I am concerned: I missed your usual summer visit. I realize though that you are by far the gainer....

Again, many thanks for your thoughtfulness. And as you know, I continue my usual custom of remembering you daily in my rosary. God bless you always.

Sincerely,

\[\text{Sister M. Hermina O.S.F.}\]
You are all beautiful. O MARY —
You are the glory, you are the joy.
You are the honor of our people —

Oct. 13, 1958

dear Mr. Raymond,

How kind and thoughtful of you
to remember an old "Book Worm" and
"Book Hoarder." I appreciate having
the cards. Thank you so much. Then
I was in Montreal during the summer
of 1956 they were cleaning and repairing
the Cathedral. It was full of dust and
dirt and scaffolding. It must be
beautiful, now that it is repaired. And
the Basilica of St. Joseph is a place
not soon forgotten, all, as it is, of
memories of the simple, pious Brother
André, who was such a devoted client
of St. Joseph.

The "Brown Bees" have indeed been
adding to their work load. As in the
language department have just had
installed seventeen recorders in the
lab, and in each booth. This, of course, adds to the work, but increases student interest. Let us hope that enthusiasm for the languages increases, because people nowadays need to know more than their mother tongue.

Here I go rambling on, boring you with my stories. Do please pop in some one of these days. We are always glad to see you.

Kindest regards from all the members of our famous clock. We shall be looking forward to your visit.

Cordially yours in Our Lady,

Sister Maricela, O.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Ever since the last Interlude came out you have been receiving a letter from me, but now it is "black on white" (blue ink)

The scholastic year began the middle of September with a notable increase in resident students. Residence hall is filled to capacity. Yes, it is the first opening after the renovations.

The moving is a thing of the past.

The expansion and the major changes in the library are completed; a few minor adjustments need to be done yet.

We still need more shelving in the periodical room.
As to you, I hope the rush of work you found waiting after your vacation has not drowned the memories of the many things you must have seen and experienced. I had rather thought you would pay us a visit before classes resumed, yet I know it is a busy time and also hard to take time off after your vacation.

Sister Teresa inquired about you and I meant to remember the remark she made recently, and now I can't recall exactly what she said. Once she asked if I gave kind regards to you. Then I said I forgot the more hurt and gave you the cold shoulder for awhile.

The death of Our Holy Father was a great loss. But the Church has also gained. The tribute, the time and news space has been marvelous. Perhaps tomorrow we shall know who the new Pope is.

Kind regards from each of the "Bunk Visitors" who singe about you time and again. Sincerely yours, S. Francis.

Sister M. Amae, O.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

If you enjoyed your visit here as much as we did in having you spend the day with us, then it was indeed a "perfect day."

Again, thank you very much for your generous gift of books. When the "Book Hookers" give them to the library, then I shall browse through them.

We have "A Peculiar Treasure," by Edna Ferber, in our collection, but if...
you would like it with you, it will be welcome on the shelves.

We are having Forty Hours Devotion, and you may be sure you are remembered in our prayers.

Best wishes from each of the Book Hookers!

A Happy Thanksgiving to you and many blessings!

As always,

You’re in St. Francis,

Sister M. Aurea, O.S.F.
Dear Mrs. Raymond,

Since it is Advent, I shall write just a note to let you know that I received the books, "The Mirth of Evelyn Waugh," edited by Charles Rolo, and "Buttons in the Back," by Elizabeth Kirtland.

Both should prove interesting, each in its own way.

May your Advent be a blessed one in preparation for the holy feast of Christmas.

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annae, O.S.F.
UNTO US IS BORN A SAVIOR
in its clear print. It is surprising how many fundamental prayers the Miniature Prayer Book contains. Carl Sandberg's Abraham Lincoln is lovely in its beautiful leather and gold-lettered binding. All the other tiny books are a treasure in content and unique in binding, including the Woodcuts Book with its symbolic colored pages.

May the Light that is Christ shine upon you at Christmas and all through the coming year!!

Dear Mr. Raymond,

May the Infant Savior's gifts of joy, peace and love be yours at Christmas and all through the new year.

A Novena of Masses will be offered for the intentions of our friends and benefactors.

College of St. Francis
Joliet, Illinois

Sister Mary Blanca, O.S.F.

Many thanks for all your kindness to O.S.F. The collection of miniatures recently received is charming. Though small, each is outstanding.
The Holy Family

Jorgen Roed, 1808-1888
Spiritual Bouquet for Christmas

As a special Christmas Gift to you, and added to my own prayers, I have arranged to have you remembered in NINE CHRISTMAS NOVENA Masses in honor of our heavenly Mother and Her beloved Son, including a High Mass on

Christmas and New Year’s Day

The Novena Masses will begin on December twenty-fourth and will continue for nine days.

May these Masses, said by the Pallottiine Fathers, be a means of bringing you blessing and joy from above.