January 4, 1957.

Dear Mrs. Raymond,

Again, thank you so much for the gift book, "The Complete Works of Homer" in that special edition. I wish you could have heard the "oh! and ah!" of admiration and different ones looked at the book. We enjoyed having you visit us during the holidays. But as usual, the time passed too quickly.

and there it is much toward the end. We hope you made the trip back safely and on time.

Also, I hope Kenneth Davidson enjoyed the time spent here. Was the show first contact with theater? And a Catholic institution? I saw one he had some new experiences.

I have not forget Tuesday. I saw one he was delighted to get back home and met people of thank you, of both and feel, which from each of the "Book Talkers" and may God bless you in the New Year.

It was unusual that Sister Knorr.
was brought home. I took your
gift packages to her even to the
Convent, but each was not the case.
Wait until she learn that you
were here.
As always,

Lovingly yours in St. Francis,

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

You always knew, of course, that Sister Hermina did not tap out the typewritten notes that you received from her. She did, however, always give directions about the content of those notes. This time she said, "Mr. Raymond sent me a box of candy. He should be thanked, but I can't do it." When I offered to do it for her, her brown eyes lit up and she smiled, "That will be swell." I don't believe she realizes that Webster brands that enthusiastic term of hers with the stigma "slang." Anyway, it shows how young and glowing the gentle old lady is in heart and mind. And her thanks are as glowing as she is.

Perhaps you have heard that Sister suffered a heart attack on Christmas Eve. It came without any warning. The doctor and priest were called. She was anointed, and the doctor asked that she be taken to the hospital. After almost two weeks there, she was brought home to our Infirmary, where she is now recuperating. She is still weak, but is better today than she has been this entire time. She is precious, as always - patient and cheerful, with her old sense of humor completely intact. The two Sister nurses just love her and joy in taking care of her.

Naturally, we are hopeful about Sister, but no one expects a quick recovery; nor does Sister herself. She said sagely, "It will take a long time--I guess maybe till vacation." Should there be any radical change in Sister's condition, I shall inform you. In the meantime, be hopeful with us.

All the Sisters send good wishes to "Sister Hermina's friend, Mrs. Raymond," but be assured hers are the warmest and best.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary of the Angels O.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond:

It really seemed like Christmas again when the several packages of books arrived and they are always most gratefully received.

Also, I enjoyed hearing from you, and your letter is circulating among the "Book Hoarders," too! I must still take the books over for them to browse through.
The "Cantac" Dinner was held last Thursday and was the event of the week. From reports, it was successful again this year.

I was up to see Sister Karmia who is improving satisfactorily. She sends kind regards and is sorry she did not see you. Sister Petrit loves music, says her eyes sparkle when your name is mentioned.

Kindest regards from each of the "Book Hookers."

May you have a holy and profitable Lent. As always,

Yours in St. Francis,
Sister M. Russell, O.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

This afternoon, before prayer, I made a little visit on the fourth floor of our infirmary to visit Sister Kuma, and to tell her of your letter. At first she didn’t quite understand and said with no little surprise, "But Floyd can’t come up here to visit.” She was delighted to have been remembered and wanted me to tell you that she is praying for you and asked a prayer from you. Her tiny face seems oh, so much thinner! She is very, very much thinner and in almost bedfast. She is up a very short time in her chair. Presumably, she is improving, though very slowly. She’d love if a card from you came. If she is alert (but will follow for her for a time, I should tell you), too, that the book hookah, relished your imported Holland bittermints as much as I did as an after-dinner treat. Thank you for satisfying my whimsey. The others probably went the way of...
We have been busy since the new semester started. The President had her hands filled with the office details of Caritas. The group was limited to 500 this year.

From all reports the dinner was a success socially and financially. The net returns are not accurate as yet — a car, a trip (round and hotel expenses for 6 days) to Florida, and another to New York were prizes!

If you haven't already received a copy of the program, I'm sure you will.

I've given a talk on Reading in the Home" to a local group and just finished a New York review on The Bell' Fire. Wouldn't I be thrilled to make a talk magazine? (It's not, I'm ble!) We've just had a pre-Senior treat — it lasted longer than I anticipated.

Now I must close without talking 9 books as I intended. Later I smell! Thank you for the clipping! More anon!

Greetings for a blessed first.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chapman
Juliet, Ill., Mar. 18, 1959

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your little friend Sister Virginia is making some progress—slowly. It has been up and down with her ever since she became ill. Yesterday and today she was feeling quite well and was in high good spirits. She does love days in-between when she "feels so sick"—in her deep low voice. She has lost none of that!

For quite some time after she left the hospital on January 6, the good little indication that she would recover, some of the medication reacted on her, and she suffered considerable nausea. For the past month or more she has shown considerable improvement in her...
of some bad days. She is able to sit in her chair, often reads, dines, and supper sitting up, and can walk a bit, too. Hope it's continued, even if slowly.

You may be sure she is enjoying your frequent cards. There also are enjoying them! Today she related about the St. Boniface Cath. Mentally she is very alert. She does not hear too well, and sometimes mixed things that way, but when she heard, she has had answers.

Sister asked me to thank you for her, and to assure you she is praying for you.

With sincere wishes for a happy and Blessed Easter.

Sincerely,

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

Joyous Easter greetings to you from all the Bookkeepers at C.F.!

No, I did not forget — "Stormy" is ready for a few weeks now, but as it was Lent, I did not notify you before. If in Sister Veronka's work, I think you will like it, so typical of the original, especially good, and Sister Veronica did not need "Stormy" at the time of your last visit here. You will have to come to get the masterpiece.

Hope you are keeping well and get some time out now and then. Marcie and I don't get much of that now. Our superior is attending a meeting in Cincinnati, and I am handling the two jobs — pres. and superiors.

Our girls except a few foreign students have left for the Easter vacation. The hens are getting very pesky in Easter — This is the day that the Lord hath made.

Let me rejoice and be glad in St. Alethea.

Sincerely, S. Mt. Claudia
April 21, 1957

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The days are not long enough to do everything one should. And time to write to you did not present itself sooner.

Each of us "Bonk Hookers" thoroughly enjoyed your meal. Being rather short, there were things we thought of deeming only afterwards. Even Sister Bethina came in the afternoon only to find your food already gone.

The Easter bunny was so

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appropriate that my thank you seems

inadequate. The candy was
delicious. Sister Chrysalis counted
the pieces and found there were
enough for each one of the faculty.

Sister St. Vicars paused it after a
buffet supper we had.

You shall have enjoyed watching

and I intend to speak one day here
figuring out the college. The put
the birds on the table in the

Community, and it was a real
gratification to see the different

Sister knowing through them.

For the الذهبlshe came we
made the front page this time.
Oh, the early dog is now in the
Responsond Room for preservation.
Do you still have the picture
of the dog? We have been wondering.

We attended the concert of the
College Chordics and Notre Dame
and they performed splendidly.
I am sure you would have
enjoyed it.

As thought and prayers until
your next visit, we are
the Book Handers at St. Francis.
Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Aquila, O.S.F.
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.
J.M.J.F. June 9, 1959

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The Interlude brought you up on campus news. Now I shall acquaint you with the other activities.

It is supposed to be vacation, but we are doing the duties that were not urgent as well as preparing the library for the summer session to begin June 24th. Others must be doing much the same.

for outside of prayer and meal time one sees very little of others. Sewing also has occupied our time, first we made longer hand white collars but brown ones of same material as our habits. These are attached to a white neck band.

The June retreat began Monday, the 15th and ends June 22 which is Jubilee Day. Then the summer session began the
June 24th until the end of July.
Most of us here will make the first retreat. You may be sure that you will be remembered in prayer.

The beautifully bound and illustrated book, Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartres, by Henry Adams, arrived some time ago for which we are most grateful.

We hope you are keeping well and not working too hard. Will you get a vacation similar to that of last summer?

Best wishes and prayers from each of the Book Hookers.

You're in the Sacred Heart.

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August 10, 1959

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The summer session has ended followed by a thorough cleaning of the library. Then in addition during the days before retreat, August 5th, we
prepared over one hundred books for the Convent library until we ran out of cards. No rest, etc.

A most grateful thank you for the wonderful gift books along with the delightful notes.

The books were placed in the community room for several days and many of the Sisters took pleasure in browsing through them. The books it is Paul who wrote arrived a few days ago, for which a big thank you.

I am trying to catch up on library correspondence which I neglected the past week and complete unfinished work before I go on a week's home on August 14th.

The sample will paper is very cheerful and will make the little books very attractive. I am sure.

Sister Edward came home from the hospital Saturday — not much "pep" though. Sisters Chopanka and Beatrice are gone.
visting for the week.
Not considering the never-ending things that need attention in the library, it is very quiet and restful during these retreat days—too bad it is not longer.

August 12th and 13th are Reception and Profession days.
A special remembrance from Sister Hermione, as well as each of the "Book Hookers."

As always,
Yours in St. Francis,
J.T. Murphy Co. Sister M. Kerala
PHILADELPHIA 20
J. M. J. F.  September 14, 1959

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your letter was dully appreciated that you took some of your vacation time for us. It is evident that you are enjoying yourself,
and, at the same time, pursuing your intellectual interests. Of course, books and libraries are No. 1 on the list.

You chose the right time to get away from the “gravestone” during the hot and humid days. But we are most grateful for the cool weather of the past week or more.

Now, Sister Chrysanthia feels rather badly. She suggested a sort of robin letter to go up to St. Paul but it did not materialize. She is reviewing a book again. "The Door is Always Open" life of Cardinal Siena.

Sister Elvira is back at her work again, but I don’t think she is up to par.
College classes began Wednesday. All the students arrived today.

You know what that means.

We enjoyed the enclosure in the letter.

And we shall enjoy your next week when you can tell us much more.

A special remembrance from each of the "Book Hookers".

Yours in St. Francis

Sister M. Arved, O.S.F.

J.T. Murphy Co.

PHILADELPHIA 20
September 23, 1959

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Please accept my apology for not acknowledging sooner, your very thoughtful and interesting card sent to me while in the hospital. It was just like you, Mr. Raymond, to get that card out right after your visit to CSF, and it was nice to receive it.

I enjoyed your description of the bookcase you are working on for the miniature book collection. I like the wallpaper sample enclosed with your card; it will brighten up the background.

Sister Lilian brought some of your gift books down to me. I read Helen White's "White Dove," on Saint Francis, and enjoyed it very much. I found the life of Cardinal Merry del Val fascinating. I had not quite finished it at the time I returned home, but some "Book Hooker" must have taken it by mistake and so far it has not been recovered, or returned to the library. I do hope to finish the book sometime. "Mrs. Christian" started out a bit too bloody, so I put it aside to be picked up at a later date.

I came home after twelve days of which I believe I slept away most of the time. I don't know when I ever felt less like doing anything. Of course, things have piled up, and I am not yet caught up. It is only now, I can begin to say "Better every day."

I saw your recent letters and I am glad to know you had such a nice vacation. Of course, you know you are always welcome here.

May the good Lord reward you for your continued interest in CSF.

Yours sincerely,

Sister M. Elura

Mr. John L. Raymond
225 East Illinois Road
Lake Forest, Illinois
Lord Make me An Instrument of Thy Peace
J.M.G.F.  September 30, 1959

Dear Mr. Raymond,

To get such a long and interesting letter in reply soon after my "little note" shows what energy you acquired on your vacation. We are happy to hear you enjoyed it so much even though we would expect you to. You seem to see and enjoy much that most people miss in their vacations.

The Miniature Collection is getting quite a bit of attention these days and is surely amusing our curiosity more and more. From your details of the progress it seemed nearing completion. I think we are in for a surprise.

I checked the card catalog for "Daisy" by Julia Kendall and "Home on the River" and we have neither of the two. The Art buildings on the post cards are quite unusual. The one, especially, looks quite
movable—but we
better try to move
the mountain.
You are quite optimistic
about the time as
regards a new library.
Well, other seemingly
impossible things have
happened, so why not
that??

Best wishes from the
"Book Hookers" for a
joyful and real Franciscan
St. Francis Day, October 4th.

I see Sister Veronica
now and then and she
was inquired about you.
She wished to be remembered
to you.

Yours in St. Francis,
Sister M. Anne, O.S.F.

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Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your visit was greatly enjoyed even though circumstances caused either one or the other sister to limit her time spent with you.

Thank you very much for the books you brought us as well as those you sent previously by mail.

The little bookcase with the miniature books is surely unique. We had it in the Community Room for several days. The sisters were quite interested in the miniatures. I really did not check with the cards to see...
if any were "hooked."

Enclosed is a ticket from Sister La Verne for the annual play, "Blind Menage." I am sure you would enjoy the performance if you are able to arrange.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is having a three day meeting here Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The sessions are held at St. Raymond's, the Academy, and the College session at the College. Both Archbishop Meyer and Bishop Willinger are attending also. These days should be inspiring.

Best wishes from each of the "Book Barkers" and from Sister Vermina.

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Anna, O.S.F.
J. M. F.

December 13, 1959

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The miniature books arrived safely for which we are grateful. They will be added to the collection after they "make the rounds."

As to the two books "Christianity in Art" and "Mary, Mother of Faith," though duplicates, they will be gratefully received.
If you wish to add them.

We are having an Institute of Management December 27th and 28th so you will see it in the Interlude. It is particularly for supervisors but we are expected to attend.

Advent is passing quickly; the last classes are on Wednesday.

Until we see you, may God give you His grace for a holy Advent and a blessed Christmas.

Greetings from each of the Book Brothers to you and St. Francis,

Sister M. Annae, O.P.T.
The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
and we saw His glory--
glory as of the only begotten of the Father--
full of grace and truth.

GOSPEL - MASS OF THE DAY

May that glory shine upon your Christmas,
Christ's grace and truth bless your year!

The Sisters of St. Francis
of Mary Immaculate,
Joliet, Illinois

Mother M. Barromes, O.S.F.
A Novena of Masses
will be offered during
the Christmas Season
for our friends and benefactors.

The Sisters of St. Francis
of Mary Immaculate
Dear Mr. Raymond —

This little card is in inverse proportion to the many good wishes we extend to you. Collectively, and individually.

You deserve the best!

May Our Dear Savior bless you as only He can; and reward you for your many kindness.
To me — you are a very real "fairy" Godfather! I can picture you dizzifying yourself getting the Inn dressed and "pressed" for the Holidays. Take it "easy" now — good men are hard come by — harder to replace, if ever. This "Bookkeeper" again will tie denied leisure for reading — 4 meetings scheduled for that myth called "vacation." And beside one lie those monsters — student papers! Let us pray for each other! And look for an "open" day! In Jesu —

Sister M. Beatrice