Lake Forest, Illinois
February 16, 1963

Dear Sister Inessa:— After a great number of promises to myself to write, here is a start!

As to weather— you have had the same frost and even colder— very little ice, for which we should all be most grateful. All letters, cards— holiday greetings etc. for all the Book Workers (various) were and are appreciated— so please accept my belated thanks.
This morning I packed and wrapped a couple books of books for CST. They won't be posted until Monday as our post office closes early on Saturday. Yesterday I finished reading The Case of Cornelia Connolly by Julian Wadham. What a turbulent life that she kept her faith and sanity is a miracle. Do you have the title in the library? If not, I'll send or bring it or if you want an extra copy - day I'll get a larger envelope for sending a larger color picture. St. John's Abbey - June.
Meant to do so long ago.

The article on the Vatican Council (from the New Yorker) is quite good for that medium - note Critical item (from New World) posted to office sheet.

The letter from Father Benjamin will interest you - like all Order Members he was busy. The building he refers to was for the third floor - a make-shift for their ever growing collection of books - does not soon they hope to have a new library - it is a fascinating place. We were there on a Saturday (and I was surprised and pleased) at the number of students in the reading rooms - reading too.
Playing at Monday Thymes!

The Christmas issue of the Interlude was most unusual and the latest I have had (January) is full of news — such as item 5 —

One — No pre-Carnival luncheon — the new residence hall.

What ails Lewis College — fire —

bags or careless against smokers —?

It seems to me that they have been plagued by fire over the past few years. Your Drama Department would have liked Othello staged by the C.U. Players. See other envelope for program and ticket on the players themselves. The Regina
Dominican High School is quite a large school. I had never seen it. Anyway it is fairly new.

---***---***--- passing of time.

During the worst cold spell in January we had trouble with the boilers at the Inn and had a few very cold hours. A heating engineer from Chicago had to be called to help us out of the situation.

Mrs. Warner, Owner of the Inn, has been quite ill and is still in bed most of the time. She is now on the mend and hopes to be up and about in a few weeks.

When I come over again, before Lent, I hope, I will tote some items that can be used for the College Gift Shop—some of them are the wilder choices of Santa Claus.

Dr. Milroy, the famous bone specialist, died suddenly after an operation at St. Therese’ Hospital, the latter part of January. He was my Doctor last year when I broke my arm. His funeral was a large one as he was a popular and well-known man in his field. He worked on the staffs of four hospitals, including that of Lake Forest. Father Madden and two other priests had the Mass and the full Gregorian Choir sang. It was most impressive.

This will do for the moment—

More shortly—

P.S. All good wishes. John R.

to the Book-Hookers
March 15th.

Dear Sister Aurea:

A copy of a recent Illustrated London News will be on its way shortly — see page 271, re Japanese Prints — quite of interest in view of the fact of your recent addition in the miniature Hiroshige's. Show to Sister Alexander.

Greetings to all B.H.'s.

Cordially yours,

John R.
March 23, 1963

Dear Sister Aimee: — Do you have —

The Chicago Historical Society and
unconventional Chemicals by Paul M.

My copy of The Reader's Encyclopedia of
American Literature — ed. by Max Lenzberg
—is in need of being "hooked" — I'm sure C.S.F.
will put it to good use. I will take it
over on my next visit.

All good wishes to you and

Sincerely yours —

John R.
May 13, 1963

Dear Sister [Name]:

Before they get any more "Stale"—I'm reading some clippings—catalogs, etc. in this larger envelope.

Morning, I started off a couple boxes of books by parcel post—trusting they reach you without any bent corners. The Heritage items are being included for their illustrations & format. All
are Mint.

This fine weather, De

Sure, has both faculty +

Student body "having" boots of

Spring fever.

My good wishes to

You & [Add the book -

Hothens -

Cordially -

P.S. Thank you for the inter-

Index - etc.

(Date)

Dear Sister Aurea:

Just as a short note to copy the page from the New York Times—7/3. The O.S.F. of M. S. are right on the firing line. This is a picture that will go all over the world. I'm waiting for 'anti-reaction—it will pop out soon in the press!'

Don't worry that more detail was not mentioned. Re Juliet—C.S.F. Academy, etc.

The illied of Homer in translation to Richard Lattimore with drawings by Leonard Blaskin (Pretty Modern + Grim) will be the
Next look from this hooker to CSF—
but I’m going to confess I’m far too busy to try reading it. It has been a very busy summer + fall — but we hope to be able to relax by mid-July. I’d like to know what you’re doing to relax — just play, too.

I’ve been doing to relax — just play. I’ve finished a mahogany headboard — took off all old varnish — England type — took off all old varnish — England type — took off all old varnish — England type — took off all old varnish — England type — took off all old varnish — England type — took off all old varnish — England type — took off all old varnish — England type — took off all old varnish — England type — took off all old varnish — England type.

Rubbed down wood with steel wool — and another.

Appraged with clear lacquer + then another.

Steel wool rubs + final waxing — the work was hard but the results are spectacular.

I’m proud of my handwork!

More shortly —

P.S. Best wishes to Mrs. Cordially —

Happy about John R. —

The 21H Society.
August 5, 1963

Dear Sister Amelia:

Your very fine letter of June 14th (plus the enclosing the one from AMC) was enjoyed. I'm sorry we could not have had him with us. That we did not have some iced tea or coffee with light sandwiches before you put out for home. Well — "next time"!

One can well imagine what the departure ceremony was like — I would liked to have heard the paper read by Sister Chey with on the work of your community. Your weather has been akin to ours — the present humidity has made doors and drawers stick. Some temps that.
2. The sun is setting— we have had a very successful summer and everyone is tired. This morning I forced-placed a box of books your way. Rather heavy. I hope they reach you without “dog-eared corners.”


(b) Twenty Years A-Forging— Maurice O’Pelliani (Harcourt)


The book has been bought to buy to a while. Do you have a copy of
Crown Of Illustory 1st & P. Rice XII

Hatchet & Welch. My copy (a gift) is the illustrated Memorial edition of
1958. If C.S.F. has it, maybe the academy might want a copy. Let me
know.

All good wishes to you and The Hooker Club. On my next visit I shall expect to hear all about your library meeting. Most cordially,

John Raymond.
Beer Cases Give Literature A Lift

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UPI) — A University of Notre Dame staff began moving nearly half a million books Monday, some of them in beer cases, from the school's old library to a 13-story memorial structure half a mile away.

Librarian Victor Schaefer said sturdy beer cases were known by librarians all over the country as the best containers for moving large quantities of books.

Schaefer estimated it would take 15 days to complete the move.
Big Russ Fishing Fleet Off Cape Cod

BOSTON (AP)—Skippers of two trawlers that returned Tuesday reported they steamed through "a massive fleet of Russian stern trawlers" fishing only four miles off Cape Cod.

Capt. Thomas Fowler of the Arlington and Capt. James Wall of the Thomas Whalen estimated the size of the fleet at 50 vessels. Coast Guard headquarters confirmed the presence of the fleet and said Coast Guard and Navy planes have been watching the fleet.

Buffalo Drenched by New Storm

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—A damaging rainstorm, following on the heels of two that caused multi-million dollar damage, deluged Buffalo and wide sections of western New York Tuesday, flooding streets and cellars. The Weather Bureau said 1.82 inches of rain had fallen between midnight and 10 a.m., when the fall began to ease. Last Wednesday, 3.88 inches of rain fell in less than five hours, causing an estimated $35,000,000 damage. On July 29, a 3.37-inch rainfall caused damage estimated up to $1,500,000.

Cardinal Named Protector

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (UPI)—Pope Paul VI Tuesday named Amleto Giovanni Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican secretary of state, as protector of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, who have their general house at Joliet, Ill.

Balloon Gathers Meteor Particles
August 31, 1963.

Dear Sister Alice:

Thank you for the letter and the "Chemical" paper by Dr. M.C. It was a delight to read. Instructive - I've read it three times and am astounded at the vast work and the Juliet House has done and is doing. The enclosed clippings have been gathering on my desk for sometime. Should be sent before they are utterly out dated. On my next trip, I'll bring your case for miniature books with notation and sample lining on card enclosures. No, she just delayed my vacation for a while and look forward to...
to a spell away from this busy life. At the moment, maybe November.

I'm fighting hay fever and its blazes, but must say I've been fortunate this year. No drastic days to date.

I have a bill which is due, great help. In a few days I'll post a copy.

The Birds and The Frogs (Aristophanes) (especially!) a bound back to back — (does a dog?) a

Heritage item. The Frog illustrations are interesting. Font of "wood-block" are

but The Birds' illustrations are unique. I've never seen any quite like them and think the Art Department will agree. The press work is fine but enough — you may judge for yourself when the volume reaches C S F.
The cool air of the last few days is pleasing to me — this fall is definitely in the picture. Here, the leaves are already turning yellow — the bright colors await me, frost.

Thank you again for your kind thoughtfulness.

Best wishes to the Hooker Society Members.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]
Labor Day September 2, 1963

Dear Sister Aurea:

A pause in the pulse of Inn-Keeping, so I shall make the most of the time.

The enclosed data will give you the information you may want on the miniatures.

During World War I, Americans sent small packages to our men in Europe—hard candies, cigarettes, needles & thread, pins, etc., plus small cardboard boxes of stories, each bound separately, as shown in the examples here. They are not easily found today intact—from their nature, fragility, etc. I have only seen a few examples of complete sets. I am of the opinion that the boxes contained five or six stories. The three here were obtained minus the box mentioned.

This morning we had rain, clearing my head afternoon, and now, seven p.m., the sky threatens again. I am not sorry to miss a trip on a major holiday, too many mad drivers on the roads. Business is slow at the Inn and I am glad to have a chance to relax.

A number of our schools open this week and I suppose you are all ready for the on-rush at CSF.

All good wishes to you and the Book-Hookers.

Cordially yours,

John Raymond

P.S. A couple days back I was in the bank here, saw a new name sign at one of the windows: Eisenschiml. It rang a bell so I asked if the young lady might be a relative of the famous "Uncle"—she is a grand-daughter. I told her I knew the grandfather and she said he was a "character".
October 20, 1963

Dear Sister Aurea:

A short note to thank you (and other Book Workers) for your time last week. It was a restful change for me and the many additions to the library are so interesting. A set of Poetry in English (17th-20th Century) edited by Andrew and Barson is now wrapped and ready for posting. The volumes (5) are small and "easy on the hands." I told Sister Edwina (who has been "laiding" the Poetry shelves) I would send them. I hope they prove as good a
I teaching tool as I think they are.

The clipping in Statue of St. John's Abbey is from the Saint Paul paper (sent me by my sister who went with me last year to the Abbey) which has always given the Church a very good press.

Given the Church a very good press.

with fellow later — I ran out of paper & twine.

Thank you again —

More shortly

Cordially yours

John Raymond

New York

New Year Inn

Lake Forest
Statue at St. John’s

STANDING under an inconspicuous covering in the office closet of the Abbott at St. John’s university campus in Collegeville, Minn., is a piece of sculpture three and a half feet tall.

When, on Oct. 24, that sculpture is unveiled and carried with ceremony to the Blessed Virgin chapel of the new and imposing Abbey, it will go on view as a statue already appraised at $65,000.

And a St. Paul artist played a part in the unusual discovery of the statuary, which goes to the college as a gift.

A little more than a year ago Frank Kacmarcik came down off the hills of suburban Highwood and went to New York City to visit and browse the art fields.

While there he met friends James Mabon Jr. and his wife. They were going through the effects of Mr. Mabon’s father, who lived in a Park avenue mansion until his death. Frank saw the statue of the Madonna and child, which looked almost worthless covered by layers of black paint.

But Frank is a religious art expert and collector of pieces many centuries old. There was something about the statue that intrigued him and he cleaned it up, peeling away the paint layers and residue until he had revealed an exquisite piece.

“It is of French origin,” he said, “done somewhere between 1140 and 50. So far our investigations have not determined the sculptor, but a booklet is being prepared on it now.”

A great many museums—including New York’s Metropolitan—evinced an interest in having the 12th-century statue. But the Mabon family, through the intercession of Frank, who helped with the interior design of St. John’s Abbey, became enthusiastic about donating it as a gift.

The statuary was sent to St. John’s a few weeks ago in advance of the ceremony.

The Madonna will take its place among the art pieces in the Abbey as perhaps the most priceless of them all.
October 23-1963

Dear Sister Anne:-

The clipping re: Jewish Ritual books will interest you after your Milwaukee visit. I thought you might miss it (Chicago Tribune) as it was in the early edition.

Mother Immediate wrote me a wonderful note relative to Sister's Condition - which is critical - but how well she is prepared for death! "Lear is wrapped and ready for posting." Fondly Yours...

John R.
Send in 'Termites' (Dead)  
—For Identification

If you think you have termites, here's what to do.
1—Catch one (it's easy)
2—Kill it (make sure it's dead)
3—Wrap it in tissue paper
4—Seal the corpse in an envelope and send it to Dept. S2, Exterminating Co. of America, Inc., 15 S. 21st St.—Phila., 3, Pa. or Phone LO 8-7717.

Our experts will examine the corpse & then notify you by telephone within 24 hours whether or not it really is a termite.

—Adv. in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Yeah, but will they return it if it isn't?
Gentlemen:

In reference to your letter a years subscription to the paper is $15.00, six months is $8.00, and three months is is $4.25. The only book we publish is the Bizonfy Hun-garian-English, English-Hungarian Dictionary which is being reprinted and will be ready in about two weeks. The price is $6.00 for the dictionary. We don’t have no grammers or pocket size dictionary.

—Card received by a man in Concord, N. H., from the publisher of a Hungarian newspaper in Cleveland, Ohio.

Well, get ’em!
50 SYNAGOGS BURY 20 TONS OF HOLY BOOKS

Jewish Tradition Bars Their Destruction

BY RICHARD PHILBRICK

A Jewish ritual dating from ancient times was carried out yesterday when 20 tons of worn-out prayer books, Torah scrolls, and prayer shawls were buried in Shalom Memorial park, Palatine.

The burial rite is known as a Geniza ceremony, and it is designed to bury religious objects and books containing the name of God with the same reverence accorded to human remains.

Can't Be Destroyed

Jewish tradition forbids the destruction of such books and materials.

Rabbi Naftali Landau, spiritual leader of Agudas Achim North Shore congregation, 5029 Kenmore av., led participants in the ceremony.

It was sponsored by the Chicago Rabbinical council and supervised by its funeral practices commission of which Rabbi Landau is chairman.

"Returned to Dust"

He said the items buried were gathered from more than 50 Chicago area synagogues. The last Geniza ceremony under the council's auspices was held in 1957.

A granite altar on the cemetery plot used then bears the words, "beneath this altar lie sacred parchments returning to dust; their eternal truth hovers above the Society of Man."
This magnificent gold trimmed Public Library, serving as headquarters for Hennepin County and Minneapolis libraries, is located in the Gateway Development area, 300 Nicollet Avenue. The structure is made of granite, Italian marble and anodized aluminum. The library, geared for the comfort of its visitors, features smoking lounges and open shelves, invites browsing and casual research. The library also features a planetarium where regular shows are presented.

Escalator yet!!

Wonderful device - the place was planned with a "long view" - right in the heart of town - Cheri - JF.

City of Lakes and Parks

Sister M Aurea, O.S.F.
College of St. Francis,

Joliet, Illinois
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Disting. Morea, O.S.F.

Library

College of St. Francis

Joliet, Illinois
Post Card

WALKER ART CENTER
Minneapolis, Minnesota

SAINT PAUL
Nov. 27
7:30 PM
1987

Post Card

Greetings from Minnesota

Nice to hear from you. Hope you are well.

Best regards,

[Signature]

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West Nyack, New York

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Just a hint—the original is quite majestic. A great deal of modern art (takes a lot of time) but some excellent old work too.

FRANZ MARC (1880-1916)

BLUE HORSES Oil
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
Available as a New York Graphic Society Print, size 17¾" x 30"

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Learn more
Exhibited within this beautiful and impressive building is a world famous collection of art.

To the Art Dept.

P.S. - Talk for Jul."
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Learn more
Monday, December 9, 1963

Dear Sister Aurora:

This morning I started 8 volumes of the "Pioneers of America" series your way. They are all fine. I have been on loan for many a year to my sister in St. Paul — do I want them back? I took over + found a few faded volumes. Then back to the W. E. Wilson shop for covers loosen up at the front. For some reason I thought the series had been halted because of the war + other causes — but it seems they have done other rivers. Some of the books are...
Very interesting.

Will you please check the Catalog to see if The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame, illustrated (color & black & white) by Ernest H. Shepard - Scribner's 1933-60.
The Preface (Copyrighted) is by Francis C. Damps - U. of California - I only know the Arthur Rackham ill. (My personal copy) & the introduction is by A.A. Milne. Let me know.

Most excellent letters from Dr. Edna & Mother Emmaculate are to be answered.

Kind regards to the Book Hooker Group.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]
December 15, 1963

Dear Sister Rhea:

The enclosed page is from The New Yorker for 1/14/63. Page 146. The note from Rupert Brooke—I have just "looked it up" and typed the full poem. I think Brooke was concerned with death almost as much as Emily Dickinson.

Do—just tuck the name Brooke into your memory pocket as Thou-holy thing's my joke to a little Christmas surprise for the loyal Order of Royle Book-Hookers—if all goes...
As planned... Hoping to bring my book offering to the number of 83 $ for 1 63
I will take over the last units to bring the Count to 63. I'm sure you shall hear more of that a bit later.

All good wishes to the B.H. Club.

Cordially yours

[Signature]
Friday, December 27th

Dear Sister Ann—

On my return to the Inn I found your good letter and the Interlude. Thank you for both. I think the idea of a memorial on Kennedy & a welcome to Johnson was an excellent idea.

As for promising the Oxford English List is here. The two books there on order are: English Literature: 1789-1815 by W. H. Panitch and English Literature: 1812-1837 by Lawson. Apparently the latter
it's Vol. X - but the authors are not

The same. It might have been some

editorial change. Anyway they are not on

your order list and as soon as I have

them I'll let you know. They will be numbered

4 + 5 as I already have 3 books for

the 1964 donations.


Thank you again for your time

yesterday. It was a delightful change.

Our supper was "delishous" and the

company most pleasant.


A hearty Happy New Year to

you and all The B team.

Most Cordially

John R.
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Learn more
She Creates Rare Library, Serves Widely For 40 Years

By Lloyd Green

In a large, book-lined room just west of Union Station, Camille Rigali sits in the center of a unique world of her own.

Her world is embodied in 2,000 books, 6,000 pictures and hundreds of pamphlets that make up the Duprat Library of Ecclesiastical Art.

Miss Rigali, a richly dressed, well-spoken woman with a keen mind, created the library 40 years ago somewhat as a labor of love.

Graduate students do research work there, finding precious facts readily available that had escaped them in large, general libraries.

Worldwide Service

In addition, Miss Rigali answers queries sent to her by letters from all over the United States on religious symbols, statues, the saints, paintings and church history.

Most important, however, the library serves as an adjunct to Duprat Sanctuary Co., which occupies the major part of the building at 766 W. Adams where the library is located.

The firm is operated by Miss Rigali's brothers, Joseph and Paul.

The 100 artists and craftsmen of the company use the library to make certain of accuracy in designing liturgical stained glass windows, religious statues and mosaics.

Some books in the library date back to the 14th Century and include original letters from former popes.

One unusual feature in the 30-by-30-foot room is a collection of 12 dolls, each dressed in the habit of a different order of Roman Catholic nuns in the United States.

Miss Rigali began the collection in 1925 after Carmelite nuns sent her a doll dressed in their habit to aid in a research project.

"Since then I've sent dolls to other monasteries and asked that someone dress them in their nuns' dress," she said. "I suppose I have about half the orders represented."

Clogged Anew

As habits worn by the various orders have changed over the years, the 19-inch-tall dolls have received new clothes made by nuns to keep them up to date.

"The main change has been that the headgears have become less cumbersome," said Miss Rigali. "Nuns often ride in cars these days, and those large headpieces must have become too difficult to handle."

Each doll is enclosed under a glass bell. They sit atop the library's glass-enclosed bookcases. Although most habits are black, gray, brown, white or maroon, one is pink—the Sister Servants of the Holy Ghost of Perpetual Adoration.

Church Interiors

To add to her collection of religious lore, Miss Rigali clips pictures of European church interiors from French, Italian and Belgian art magazines and carefully catalogues them.

The Duprat firm sometimes gets orders to duplicate the interior of a European church that a priest or a layman has seen. Pictures in the file then prove invaluable.

Most questions that Miss Rigali receives in the mail concern a religious symbol or the patron saints.

"One was asked to settle a dispute over whether St. Patrick had a beard. Research revealed that he not only had a full set of whiskers but also a mustache."

"An encyclopaedia wanted to know if cardinals ever wear black. They do, Miss Rigali replied, for requiem masses, for street wear and for their ordinary cassocks."

"Why are pelicans used as religious symbols?"

"In times of famine, pelicans are said to feed their young on their own blood," said Miss Rigali. "This is likened to Christ shedding His blood for us."

"And what about the peacock?"

"They stand for the Resurrection," she said. "Each year they shed their feathers and then grow new ones the next the year more brilliant than ever."

She added that there is also a legend that a peacock's flesh is incorruptible. "It never bothers me to get these questions," she said. "They always present a new challenge. What does bother me is when I can't find the answer."

Guaranteed best-tasting aspirin...for children's fever and pain!

Don't give a child an aspirin, he said, you may end up with your child like St. Joseph Aspirin Children's Tablets. Here's why. Open the bottle. Note the fragrant odor. Its creamy-smooth, pure orange taste. You see, St. Joseph Aspirin Children's contain no flavored——only pure orange. And thanks to over 224 careful tests and control checks, it's the highest quality aspirin you can buy.

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Also get regular St. Joseph Aspirin, quality grains for adults.

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*In a national survey.
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