January 4th, '68

Dear Sister Anna:

When you have the time will you please check the Miniature Catalog? Do we have Magna Carta of King John, 1215? And the Inaugural Address of R.S. Johnson? I've sort of lost track and must get into the groove again.

Both of these are A. J. Ax. Other items in leather. Two local business men have recently become interested in miniatures. I have asked them to help them. — Flattering but too trusting. Our weather is
Quitoile only to the Arctic Regions.

Today I wore my "ear-laps"
down & sported a red nose—

Probably a la Rudolph:

Note enclosure—Please ask the
Music Dept. record catalog if

They have the Blue Jacket Flatter.

Good wishes to all the Book

Hookers—Cordially yours

John R.
Sister M. Aurea, O.S.F.
College of St. Francis,
Taylor + Wilcox Streets,
Joliet, Illinois.
February 15, 1968

Dear Sister Anna:  

Your little note was delivered this morning. Your plans are all for the best because we will kill two birds with one stone. Also, I want the Book Hookers to see the Library Silver Service—first hand. —Hooking not permitted!

My lateness in writing may be excused by the fact that I have been going over the furniture (from C.S.F.) polishing + repairing, etc.

The dance is now in a shop in Highland Park awaiting sale.

Barry Fitzgerald is
Dear Miss Saturday, for the 
17th. At we hope to reach there about 
3:30. Should anything unforeseen 
occur to delay us, I'll telephone you. 
Should,—you, in future, need an experienced 
silver polisher, call on me—your 
Service is all a—glow! The large presentation 
trays—candelabrum, tea—coffeepot 
Pugsley: creamer are packed and 
waiting. Until Saturday—then, all 
good wishes to the "Billis."—

Most cordially yours,

J.R.

P.S. May we stay for supper? Two.
February 17, 1968

Listing of Items of the Book Hookers' Silver Service

The Library, College of Saint Francis

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5. Rectangular tray-plain
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8. Round footed bowl-gadroon edge
9. Small general use bowl-Revere pattern
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11. Tea pot, domed lid, fruitwood handle (museum copy)
12. Sugar bowl, gadroon edge- with handles
13. Cream pitcher " " " "
14. Sugar bowl-plain-Revere type
15. Cream Pitcher " " " "
16. Sugar tong-plain
17. Long cake knife-pistol handle
18. Cake server-serrated edge-pistol handle
19. Three light candelabra with removable drip-cups
   Gadroon edges repeated on stem
20. Ditto as above
21. Clawed Sugar Tray

From

Mr. John L. Raymond

April 25, 1968

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Add to Library Silver.
Some pages are omitted from the digital version of this folder.

Learn more
Silver Service Record
John L. Raymond - Gifts
To Whom it May Concern:

I, the undersigned, John L. Raymond, in 1968 presented many items of silver, as the enclosed list, to Sister Aurea, C.S.F., Librarian at the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois.

These items of silver were to be kept together, in trust, as the College of St. Francis Silver Service, to be kept and used in perpetuity.

In the event these conditions cannot be met, I request that the silver gifts revert to the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield Avenue, Joliet, whose members are to carry out the terms of this trust as I have outlined above.

Dated May 14, 1974
Waukegan, Illinois

Signed- John L. Raymond

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Edith O. Peterson

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Witness at presentation—
Sr. Aurea O.S.F.
Librarian
Barry Fitzgerald
Lake Forest, Illinois

Presented by

John L. Raymond
Lake Forest, Illinois
February 26-1968

Dear Sister Aurea:

The proofs of your note received. The proofs "studied." My choice is

Number 4.

Barry Fitzgerald said he had a "wonderful time" and on the
drive back to L.F. he said, "We had
a real relaxing and restful day." I
told him he was "hooked." I was
already "fast" Franciscan.

Our dinner was very
good, as I'm sure, our appetites
would indicate.

The second sugar tong
has been located, a will be with you in
short order, it belongs to the sugar bowl with handles & gadroon edge. Mary Winters-Krause gave me a copy (long-hand) of a verse soon to be published — by all things — a "dogger-bag" as theme — she sees humor all around her. I'll bring it on my next jaunt over.

All good wishes to the Book Intercom.

Cordially yours,

John Raymond
St. Patrick's Day - 1968

Dear Sister Aurea: Your excellent letter thanking me for the library dinner service was most appreciated. I'm so happy that all the pictures like the pieces of the Fitzgeralds enjoyed the trip and the nice dinner. It was a perfect day.

On my return over from Frankfurt, I'm bringing the dedication letters between Judge Lally, Judge Tully, and Judge Collier. It's hoped by me.

And I'm almost through reading it; it's bound to be a good tool for those working in American History. Were you one who is to go to the meeting in the Twin Cities?

Anyway, I want whoever it is to...
Call my sister in St. Paul. We shall discuss this further when I am in Joliet.

In honor of St. Patrick I have a green carnation on my desk. I have a large piece of cake with green coconut topping...it really looks like a hippie wig!

I'm looking forward to the big date of March 14th. and have arranged to be with you.

Best to the Book Hookers —

Cordially yours —

[Signature]
March 25. 1968

Dear Sister Aurora: — It still seems like a dream! What a great day you had Sunday. Weather a meeting ideal — everyone so friendly and interesting — the refreshment table was beautifully handled — my ears burn with chimp-effort. I'm writing my sister to ask about the name of your hotel. Also, (if you go up on the Burlington Zephyr) the morning train gives a full day's travel and views from the vista dome of the Mississippi River — a special treat. I've used
Both the Air & Mr. Zephyr for the
Am. one best — Do think about it. Do 
you take the train at a Western Suburb?
I hope you do not have to go all the way into 
Chicago. Whenever I travel that line I re-
call Mark Twain's Life on the Mississippi.
You will hear more of your St. Paul
trip a bit later.

Please thank the Book
Hunters who were such fine hostesses —
I shall do so personally at a later date.

Best wishes to all—

Most Cordially yours,

John Raymond
April 3, 1968

Dear Sister Aurea:

Thank you for the photographs—they are quite professional. I was pleased to have them for my "file" on C.S.T., The Complete Poems of Marianne Moore—(latest edition) will be on its way shortly—she hooked it and enjoying it—have heard of M.M. but this is my first exposure to her efforts—it’s an attractive book in every way. She must have a great affinity feeling for flowers, animals, birds.

The travel time on the Milwaukee Road indicates the morning & afternoon Hiawathas.
Are good trains + follow the Mississippi River route. The reason I want to know the exact time is that I may have the Noshovers meet you + take you to your hotel — and also arrange a time when they could have you over for a "right bite" + see some of their pictures + antiques. When you know the exact train let me know + I'll call them — which I do not think
Two to "keep in touch."

Our weather has been most remarkable — truly spring-like — Robins, one of my favorite birds, are bouncing about on the lawns of the town.

The large silver plate I mentioned is back from the silversmiths and ready to be added to the Library silver service. He did a splendid job and I know all the Bishop will like it — it "fits" in with your other items very well. Scratches gone!

If you have a few of the Dedication Program I would appreciate six or seven more. No hurry — I know you are busy.

I wonder if many from C.S.F. were able to get to the Cathedral today for the Vespers
Consecration. It was pleasant meeting both he and Ship - Blanchette at the Dedication Gathering.

All good wishes to you and all the Book Hookers.

Most Cordially yours,

John Raymond
April 8–1968

Dear Sister Aurea: Just a word or two—note folder from St. Mary's—odd hours for Easter Vigil—we are short of priests. After "visiting" the One-Man Priests, Mr. Show in Evanston (we met some of the sisters) Mr. Fitzgerald & I said we merely went to lend moral support! Mrs. Eick had charge of grandchildren so could not attend. Its better than the Christmas Concert, thought I. Last week Mr. Lindsey Manship was a guest at J. F. College & also Barrett I told.
2 him to get out of & to save him a dedication folder. new library. I gave him a thing to anyone but at least he knows more about Juliet than he did before he came here.

The riots have shaken. I noted that Juliet even had everyone—
a little trouble. Will you please check Catalog for Colonel Williams— Sts.
Buildings & Gardens by A. L. Kocher and Howard Stewart— 1949 Copyright. A condition— gift to me + in prime conditions— the illustrations are excellent—especially for the smaller buildings.

Cordially yours—

John R.
Good Friday—Late 4-12

Dear Sister Aurora:

The programs (dedication) came today in good order—Thank you. I spoke to my sister just a short time ago—they are meeting your train will drive you to your hotel. When you reach St. Paul, take the escalator (not stairs) as they will be waiting for you at the top entrance to Passenger Concourss. Why not wear your name badges?—Put them on before you leave the train. I told her to look for brown habits. I hope you & Sister Lillian Can.
I find time to see their home--maybe a bit of sight-seeing.

If the train you take has a vista dome--try to get to the "dome" after the train reaches La Grange. As there you follow the Mississippi River--that is rolling history.

I hope you have good weather. Just right.

I said the Prayers before going on a journey, while giving thanks of adoration for your "jault." So relax and enjoy the change.

Cordially yours,

John Raymond

Deepth Ine,
Lake Forest,
Illinois.
May 21, 1968

Dear Sister A:—Just a word to say I'm following the same route you & Sister L. took—

the Morning Hiawatha to St. Paul.

There is a Special Mass tomorrow morning for the Northwss. I'm looking forward to the celebration.

Your note was appreciated.

You will hear from the "Twin Cities" shortly.

All good wishes to the Bookkeepers.

Most Cordially,

John R.
Dear Sister Aurora: The Mass this AM was very beautiful - the D's. Week in the Sanctuary. Received both bread and wine at communion - even a little holy water on the marriage blessed too. Of course, the blessing most impressive. After breakfast, Peggy worked in the garden.

I watched birds with the binoculars - last note I spotted some Peasants - quite tame too.

Best wishes to you.

Cordially,

John R.

P.S. Your greeting and offer of prayers came today - I hope you will hear from me personally.
Dear Sister Alice:—After Mass at 9 this am we drove to Wisconsin (Eau Claire) to visit my older sister who lives in a retirement home. She is fairly well at her faculties are sharp. She is in her 87th year. She has made a great recovery from a personal stroke of 2 years ago. As she was so quiet at the wedding we had to fill in our details. Five nieces & nephews were at the Anniv. but the California brother was unable to attend.

Tomorrow weather permitting I plan to Minneapolis—their Art Institute & a couple antique shops. Greetings to all the Book Hookers. Always cordially—John R.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Dorshow request the pleasure of your company on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of their marriage at a Dinner on Friday, the twenty-fourth of May at eight o'clock Fort Snelling Officers Club Post Road and Highway 494 across from the International Airport Cocktail hour seven o'clock
May 26th evening

Dear Sister Aurea:

I thought you'd like to hear the good news — the dinner and reception were a great success — which makes us all happy. There were 115 guests (not counting me) at the dancing ended at midnight. I slept later Saturday — no longer accustomed to this kind of luxury. But it was wonderful. A number of guests who attended the wedding 25 years ago were present. More in detail when I get to Joliet.

Most cordially yours

[Signature]
June 7, 1968

Dear Dieter Ann:

We are back at the old grindstone. The dinner & reception was a great success & went off very well. The heartbreaking news of the Kennedy playing has made me feel ill. I'm sure almost everyone feels the same way.

One day soon I am going to "pop over" with a couple books for LF. I'll let you know when I know that date.

I thought you might like a color card of the St. Paul
Cathedral at night. This shows the west (main entrance) front. Its lighting at dusk, is a beautiful sight. It easily seen from the St. Mary's Terrace.

All good wishes to the Bookbinder.

Most cordially yours,

[Signature]

John R.
June 20th, 1968

Dear Dr. C.: The big day is here and with it comes every possible good wish to you from this "old" friend.

In agreement with the "idea" in your last note, we will develop it further when...
I'm next at C.S.F.

The enclosed in lieu of a "gift" — you decide!

Most cordially yours

John L. Raymond
June 29-1968

Dear Sister Aurora: - A Copy

7 stories by the late Italian
Moderni (one a book catalog) are
on their way to C.S.F. Also the
2 volumes book on the biography &
letters of Lytton Strachey is at
the moment "hooked" I'll
tell it over very soon.

Our weather has been
frightfully damp - unsatisfactory -
it makes one feel "mildewed -
like damp books in a basement!!

Enclosed is a list of
books I think (if you do not have
Copies) might fit into the P.R.
I located them in a storage room
in the Inn and had for
Gotten them! This is a very busy summer & I'm glad I had some time off in May before I feel too worn out to enjoy a bit of freedom. Best wishes to all the Book Hookers. Most Cordially [Signature].
August 1, 1968

Dear Sister Aurea:- Thank you for your recent letter - I was glad to get the news of all the new "bosses". This morning I started a couple more books your way: $1. post + have a number to follow -

700 volumes!! Holy Moses -

That is a lot of library work -

Congratulations!

I'm sure you are glad that summer school is over — it has been a rather trying summer for all of us who meet + work with the public — that applies to
Colleges, just as much as Inns!

Of that I'm sure!

My good wishes to all

The Book Hookers

Most Cordially Yours

John R.
August 28-1968

Dear Sister Aurea:- I received your card
from "Good old Wisconsin" was
appreciated - it must be a very
beautiful area. I'm sure you had a
good rest. This has been a very
hearty busy season at the farm.
The miserable heat was a great
load on all of us, too.

When the hay fever is
less intense, I'll pop over with a
few books. Right now I'm reading
"Hooked Volume - Our Living
Traditions", edited by J.R. Coffin. It's
quite interesting - each essay or paper
is on some form of approach to
better understanding of folklore
of the USA. It will be posted to ESF
very shortly - the eyes & ears
The world are focused in Chicago. We are getting a black eye from police practices—too bad.

All good wishes to all the Booklookers.

Most cordially yours,

John R.
September 16, 1968

Dear Dieter: 

Your recent letter was appreciated. By this date, I suppose all classes are "full soap." I am fully convinced that no other educational effort is as much as Religious Leadership one was really a full-day affair.

This afternoon I started two books: Soliteward — The ocean folklore (edited by Coffin) + The Iron King by Nancy Mitford — it was printed in 1832. It is a beautiful book both in form + illustration —
quality of "Nancy's" historic work
I'm not so sure. However, it will fill a
need in some manner, maybe as an illustration
of "The Book" - in some course.

A Copy (first edition) of Dictionary
of Quotations - arranged by Bergen
Evans - just arrived - I've just had a
"glance" through - think it is going to
be useful - heavy tome - about 5
heftful - heavy tome - about 5
It is too difficult to pack, so I'll
Almost gone - All good wishes to the
famous Book. Hooker's Club -
Most Cordially yours -

P.S.: When I visit
Next I'll tell you
About our Man
Summer! J.R.
October 16, 1968

Dear Sister Aurea: - Thank you for your little note — thank you to the other B.C. Members for all your time on my last visit — it was a delightful change. Last week we had a "Mission" at St. Mary's — in Augustiner + a splendid speaker. It was most worth while — very well attended. Evening mass, too. R.W. Stillemen's "Stephen Crane" is in hand - I've looked + am reading — it's the most detailed of any work on Crane - a full of real surprises. American Lit. people will like + use it. I read of the C.T. Assn + knew you would be there + I'll bet you all stayed 2 weeks. Look into one day! The biography of
George Eliot is on order (by Gordon S. Haight) as it is an Oxford Liquid. Press it get a good "press"— I’m looking forward to reading it—the it’s on to C S F.

Best wishes to you & all the loyal Book Hookers.

Most Cordially yours,

John R.
George Eliot by Gordon S. Haight (Oxford). An admirable scholarly biography of a remarkable woman, not only one of the most popular novelists of her century but one of the leading intellectuals of her generation. George Eliot emerges from Professor Haight’s monumental labors not as the free-living free-thinker of legend but as a gifted woman whose personal courage in an impossible domestic situation eventually earned her the respect and love she deserved. Highly recommended. Twelve dollars and fifty cents.

This clip is from a recent New Yorker.

A most readable biography — it has kept me busy for a number
of days - it will be put to
get very shortly. Your
English lit people will like it!

Best wishes to all
Book-keepers.

Most Cordially yours

John R.
Election Day
Nov. 5, 1968

Dear Sister Aurea:—My copy of Now was enjoyed; thank you for it. The enclosed program was worth the effort to walk there.

Right now, I'm still well into George Eliot & Howard Haight (prof. at Yale) & find it both interesting & astounding to know the English lit. People will find it a useful tool. It will be sent shortly.

All good wishes to the Book-Hookers—

Cordially yours

John P.
November 15-1968

Dear Sister Aurea:

Greetings.

This dull and dreary day I just now completed reading George Eliot by Gordon Haight a hope to have it on "here" by next week. It was an eye-opener to me and worth all the time it took to read.

I've enclosed Clipping: "Nabokov - his life in art" by Andrew Field is now on the list. A Little Brown issue & a first edition - looks a bit heavy but interesting. Did the miniature on J.F. Kennedy show up?
Dina, was last at C. & F. if not, let me know as I really want you to have it - shall contact Dr. Ange on a duplicate copy.

Every good wish to you and our fellow book hookers.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]
Dec. 19 - 1968

Dear Sister Laura:

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas card - it looks most unusual. How fine to be remembered. A goodly number of greetings are coming my way and I enjoy them. A Mint copy of *The Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology* edited by C. T. Onions is in hand and awaits my next Janet to C. S. T. This is the corrected edition of 1967. The spirit of Christmas is taking hold and I have placed my "Crib" set - all-white German ceramic (small) on a bright red felt runner on a
Dear Madam,

Kind greetings to all at C.S.F. & especially The Bookkeepers.
Most cordially yours,

[Signature]

John L. Raymond
December 29, 1968

Dear Sister Aurea:

Christmas was a fleeting time for me — Hong Kong fever has had me in its' grip — This is my first full day of "up" for over a week.

Tomorrow I hope to get working again at least part time.

Anti-biotics helped me over the hump — so warn all my bookkeeping friends to stay in bed, call a doctor & keep warm if the flu bug hits.

I'm just now beginning to enjoy the many Christmas greetings which came this year.

Yours, Helen Hayes
Reflection is quite interesting - a gift to be passed on to you.

A happy New Year to all there. Most cordially yours,

John R.