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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI  
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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Dear Dr Thompson--

First of all I want to thank you, on behalf of the monastery, for sending us the set of Petitot's Memoires. They contain some fascinating material, and I am sure we will make good use of them. Thank you very much.

It was a great pleasure for me to meet Mr and Mrs Hammer. They brought not only the Sedulius but the Pico, (about which I had heard). I was very happy to arouse in them interest in printing something of my own. I hope we can work out our plan-- an Essay on Gueric of Igny (12th century) with his ~~six~~ Christmas sermons translated and the Latin text (interlinear). It will be a good thing, I believe-- especially as I plan to get someone else to do the translating.

<sup>I am sending</sup> Here are one or two other small things. The Swedish edition of Seeds of Contemplation is nice. My wonder at Scandinavian book design is ever renewed. Someone sent me a beautiful edition of Thoreau's Walden from Copenhagen, with hundreds of sketches which were, many of them, the most typically American things I had ever seen-- more American and true to Thoreau than anything I had seen before.

Which reminds me-- Mrs Hammer wanted to know if I wanted anything from the U. of K. library-- do you happen to have Joseph Wood Krutch's book on Thoreau?? Would it be available for a couple of weeks?

The two offprints I am sending are one a chapter of No Man is an Island, in French, the other has not appeared anywhere else (Dans le Desert de Dieu). Both are from a magazine called Temoignages. I forget the dates, unfortunately.

Finally, let me belatedly congratulate you on the birth of Richard. I shall pray for him, and have done so. I shall continue to pray for you all.

God bless you-- Devotedly in Christ

*M Louis*