

ps. Your words on the flyleaf of Our Kentucky Novel fill me with inspiration.

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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI,
Trappist-Cistercian Abbey,
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY.

Gethsemani
Trappist, Ky.

August 11, 1953.

Dear Dr Thompson:

There are several things I must thank you for and I seem to have waited a long time before getting around to it. I dimly remember that my last letter, written by a secretary, was sent to someone in France by mistake. When it came back the contents were so stale that I just gave up for the time being. Meanwhile you have sent me several things, and the most notable is the Kentucky Novel. I find it fun to dip into this book and think you have achieved your end of producing an interesting and important case study. I ~~am~~ find that I retain a preference for the dime and half dime themes, myself. Probably most other Kentuckians would not blush to admit the same. Thanks too for the biographical material which you modestly sent in Danish. I did not make much out of it, I confess.

Our cow barn burnt down a week or two ago, and I am sending you a copy of a poem written on the occasion. If I can find the original ms notes of the poem I will send them to you also, as I think you like to get such things.

Did anything ever come of the exhibit you planned on the Sign of Jonas? I am afraid that my Superiors eventually decided that they did not want the manuscript to leave Gethsemani, at least for an official exhibit, so I cannot do anything for you in that regard. There was a lot of worry about the book, officially, within the Order. The thing was considered so unusual.

I hope you are enjoying good health and that all goes well with you. And I keep you and your family in my prayers. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,
John Lomas