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ABBAY OF GETHSEMANI
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Dear Victor:

What was my astonishment recently in Louisville to see on the front page of the newspaper a picture of a civilized man. It was you. I congratulate you on your honorary degree. I am glad the University knows enough to give you one. This is sufficient reason for a certain amount of rejoicing.

I am very glad that you liked the poem. I was not sure what your concept of the jacket was going to be, and if you want to change the length of the lines, making them longer, or anything like that, just let me know. Certainly if you want to use the poem for Christmas I am delighted. If you have some cards left over at that time I could probably, in fact certainly use them. As to the extra copied of what you print for the cover, I could use a couple of dozen. Is that going to be too much trouble! If so, fifteen would be all right.

I am glad Carolyn's talk was a success. And of course I would very much enjoy reading it. As to the New Yorker, it is always a good idea to try them. I no longer know the ropes around there. The man who used to handle stories in my day is dead.

About the copies I spoke of as going to France, I don't know what to do about them, but anyway, please hold them or bring them over when you come. When shall we plan on another meeting here! Toward the end of July perhaps. When you have had time to get the books bound. This month is going to be a busy one for me, and I will be pretty taken up in the first part of July.

I am enclosing one of the slips Carolyn made out for a book that is in the Library, and which I would like to have if available.

With every best wish to both of you, as ever, and God bless you

Cordially in Christ

Jm Louis