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**Our Lady of Gethsemani
Trappist, Kentucky**

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Dear Dr Thompson

The other day I sent back the splendid book on printing in the River Plate region. It has some fascinating material in it, especially the early work of the Jesuit Reductions, with Guarani books being among the very first. This part was intriguing and I was very happy to have the chance to look it over. Thank you. I hope it has returned safely to the library.

I thought of you when we had a Harvard man here recently who is preparing to study Tibetan. I suppose he will also someday have a way of taking a concrete interest in your Mongolian manuscripts, about which I told him.

If I can get a decent Christmas card I will send you one. Otherwise this will convey to you my warm greetings and blessings in this season. Faithfully in Christ

/s/ Louis

*From a woodcut by Gerhard Marcks for the
hand-press edition of Thomas Merton's 'The
Tower of Babel,' printed for New Directions
by R. von Sichowsky in Hamburg, Germany.*



Greetings at Christmas 1958

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