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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY



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Dear Victor-

Immediately after my letter to Mrs Hammer went out in the mail the other day, your Dialogue was handed to me. It is one of the most beautiful books I have seen in a long time: though I must admit that when you boldly call it a "pretext for printing" you almost order the reader to refrain from reading it and just look at it. However, I intend as soon as possible to disobey this implicit order and when I have done so I will share with you the fruits of my disobedience.

Thank you for this beautiful gift, and thank you for the inscription. Brother Giles and I shall both treasure the volume.

By now you may perhaps have looked at the meditation I sent along- as another pretext for printing. It is short enough and simple enough not to interfere with any more important plans. But perhaps you might not find the theme important... I don't know. In any case, I thought I would send it.

We are now very busy clearing a way through the woods for an electric line to the fire tower, and the marvelous weather of the last few days made it especially agreeable work: except that many of us were bitten by yellow-jackets. It seemed that whenever one went to cut down a tree one found a nest of them somewhere. And there is a huge hornet's nest on the fire-tower.

Well, again, bon voyage. I will accompany you spiritually to Kolbsheim. And May Our Lady accompany you everywhere with many graces. All blessings

Devotedly in Christ our Lord,

*J. M. Collins*