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I found your charming little
about Stanley Morison - just pulled, dry - Oct 13. 1956
when I was up for 3 days to say goodby to my elder brother,
who was leaving for Athens.

Penel knew about S. M. to this extent. She told me
that when ~~the~~ Cambridge was giving hon. degrees,
there were fearful juffed lists - names with every kind of
distinction? juffed on - triple 1st 19... quadruple etc. & then
in the middle of all this welter was just a little plain
Stanley Morison. He is a great typographical expert -
he sees the whole thing. John Mann says, he is
grey eminence to the times. He is besides a great
Roman Catholic & my feeling is, tho' I hardly know
him, that he probably quite often holds the hand of
the poor Pope - hence his interest - intelligent
interest in the Theological side of my book & I am sure
I will be able to answer adequately when I go to
Lunch. As soon as he will be bound to notice the vermi-
tion instantly - as a typographer - the splendid Byzantine
Purple, The Porphyry or Porphyry-rose of Byzantium.
The vermilion was not however, & quite well done in all
the books, because the printers are lazy & often try to
get this without another charging with ink. So some of the
colors are faint in places & irregular & some it was impossible
for me to go thro' all the packed, finished copies & select. It was
just 1st come & serve, ~~2nd~~ - left to chance - I have no idea
about kind of a copy, S. M. has - I will see when I go.

P.S. Hope murlee, to whom Hope Allen of the U.S.A. sent a book as a ~~copy~~^{present} - said as she called it, the "inter man" - as if the presentation to the eye was the outside - there is no inside - for the "inside" as she called it, she dismissed as having "no" philosophy, no point of view that she could discover, it fact says everything. I do not mind - in a sense! - but it astonishes me - to find fault with certain things, to disagree in places, certainly, but nothing! what is Hope murlee? I know, guess, that she is R.C. but so is Stanley M. She wrote all this to Hope Allen, who told me.

I say the book may be difficult because one must know how to read & most people, however may desire to have, do not know how to read - to spell out on the board school, yes.



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