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September 4th, 1951

Mr. Hubert Creekmore 1835 Devine St. Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mr. Creekmore:

Thanks for your letter of August 31st. I am interested to find that you are preparing a full-length manuscript of Mallarme' translations, and perhaps we could consider it for publication here if you don't find another publisher who suits your plans better. As you know, the University of Chicago Press has not, generally speaking, been able to include works of this sort in its lists, though we have published a number of translations from the literature of the renaissance and antiquity. In any case, I'd be glad to look at your manuscript when you have it finished, provided you realize from the first that I can't offer you a great deal of encouragement beforehand. This has nothing to do with the quality of your work which, if the poem I read is any indication, is surely of a high order. It simply means that my funds for publishing in the field of humanities are limited, and I must use them primarily for the furtherence of any university press's function, that is, the publication of scholarship.

We expect to get Wallace's book out next spring; it has been badly delayed by a break-down with our negotiations with the British copublisher, but I hope things will go smoothly from now on.

Sincerely yours,

Hayden Carruth Associate Editor

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