

May 6, 1929

Mrs. Julia Peterkin
Lang Syne Plantation
Fort Motte, S. C.

My dear Mrs. Peterkin

I take very great pleasure in notifying you that the prize of One thousand dollars (\$1000) established by Will of the late Joseph Pulitzer for the American novel published during the year, preferably one which shall best present the whole atmosphere of American life has been awarded to "Scarlet Sister Mary" published by The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis. A check covering the amount of the prize will go to you in due course.

Congratulating you upon this honor, I am

Very truly yours

Frank D. Fackenthal

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Lang Syne Plantation,
Fort Motte S.C.;
May 8th, 1929,

My dear Mr. Jackson:

Your letter amazes me.
Are you sure you are not mistaken
in thinking my book will be given
the Pulitzer prize? It is almost
incredible to me.

For years I've felt that the Negroes
on this plantation were too interesting
not to be recorded. Their wisdom
and courage and kindness have
helped me to make my own days
better. Now, I feel that my effort
to tell about them is vindicated.
I'm very glad. Truly, Julia Peterkin.

May 16, 1929

Mrs. Julia Peterkin
Lang Syne Plantation
Port Maitte, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Peterkin

I take very great pleasure in handing you herewith the University's check for \$1000., the amount of the Pulitzer Novel Prize which was awarded to "Scarlet Sister Mary".

With renewed congratulations on this award,

I am

Very truly yours

Frank D. Fackenthal

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Fort Motte, S.C.

May 17th., 1929.

Mr. Frank D. Fackenthal,
N.Y. City.

Dear Mr. Fackenthal;

Please accept my best thanks

for your kind letter and the enclosed check for
\$1000, the Pulitzer Novel Prize.

Naturally, I am pleased that the word which
seems to be much discussed is "Whole" instead of
"Wholesome".

It was my wish to show that Mary was wise
and kind and courageous in spite of her lack of
interest in the conventions regarded as important
by many white people. She is a real woman and one
for whom I have both admiration and affection.

Yours truly,

Julia Peterkin

