For him that stealeth a Book from this Library, let it change into a serpent in his hand and rend him. Let him be struck with Palsy, and all his Members blasted. Let him Languish in Pain crying aloud for Mercy and let there be no surcease to his Agony til he sink in Dissolution. Let Bookworms gnaw his Entrails in token of the Worm that dieth not, and when at last he goeth to his final Punishment, let the flames of Hell consume him for ever and aye.

Anonymous, Monastery of San Pedro, Barcelona

Example of a colophon.

This is not anonymous. It is from the Old Librarian’s Almanack which is itself a brilliant and very funny forgery by Edmund Lester Pearson. For details see: Weigand, Wayne A. “The History of a Hoax: Edmund Lester Pearson, John Cotton Dana, and the Old Librarian’s Almanack.” Beta Phi Mu Chapbook no. 13.