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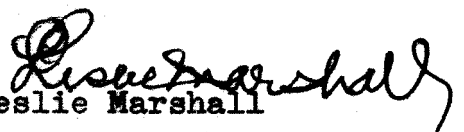
To Our Member Irregulars, Auxiliants and Corresponding Members

1. It's a pleasure to welcome a new corresponding member: Mr. Lester Moskowitz, . He has been steeped in Sherlockian lore for six years and is a member of the "Six Napoleons of Baltimore," one of the earliest of the Scion groups. Eight inquiries reached us just recently, too early for final action at this date. They came as a result of the Miami Herald article, of which more hereafter(sic).
2. Note following changes of address: Mr. Gunning to : Mr. Reesor to
Correction in address: Mr. Redman's middle initial, as listed in #10 should read "A"; Mr. Becker's new address is
3. From Member Shaw comes a remarkable illustrated folder summarizing much Sherlockiana brought to light in '73. It is too extensive and intriguing to attempt to digest(sic). Those wishing to peruse it please line-up at right.
4. Member Morgan provides several important items including quotes from a book by Carolyn Wells; an article in Telegraph Press, Harrisburg, Pa.; an allusion to S.H. in relation to the character "Bulldog Drummond"; A.E.W.Mason's Eulogy to Holmes; a soliloquy by S.C.Bentley on the Master; R.Austin Freeman's concept of the "Benefactor of the Race."
5. "The Sherlockian Medler," vol.n.4, lively publication of "The Non-Canonical Calabashes" of Los Angeles.
6. Communication from the Recorder to St.P.Times correcting error respecting Mr. Holmes in an obituary of Vincent Starrett, 82,"one of the world's greatest authorities" on Sherlock Holmes the newspaper said.
7. An undated clipping from Manchester, Eng. reporting on the diary kept by Clifford Baskerville, begun in 1939, now in its 90th volume.
8. Forty-five page catalogue from Gravesend Books, Box 235, Pecono Pines, Pa., 18559 listing for sale nearly 500 rare pastiches of many of the 60 cases, ordinary 'tec stories and miscellata, at prices from \$2.00. Order direct.
9. Zerox of Chris. card, illus. depicting most rare portrait of the Founder of the Science of Deduction-when in his 102nd. year at his Bee Farm, Beakleton-on-super-Mare, Sussex, Eng. Submitted by Auxiliant Member Butts.
10. Also from Miss Butts (a)-amazing lettered puzzle containing 1230 letters which when line-contacted (vertical, horizontal, etc.) spell out Dr. Watson's titles of the 60 cases. (b) Cross word puzzle in which answers are found in case of "The Five Orange Pips."

11. (a) Article in Miami Herald's "Action Line" feature column resulted in numerous inquiries reaching the Recorder (as see #1 above) (b) Letter to Editor, & illus., St. P. Times correcting a misapprehension.
12. Mr. Gunning clipped article in Orlando's Sentinel Star Nov. 17, which concerns "The Affair at the Falls."
13. Our gasogene, Detective Story Writer Rex Stout, appeared recently on PBS's "Book Beat" program.
14. The Nemesis of Crimes and the Irregulars are written-up in a philatelic journal, McKeel's Weekly.
15. An alleged humorous skit on the Canon, as offered recently on CBS by Sammy Davis Jr. and company, didn't seem too funny to most Sherlockians. For instance Mickey Rooney as Professor Moriarty was a bit (sic) miscast.
16. A news item in re the Holmes Beach Council backing a move to consolidate that area with nearby towns, (which we trust will be aborted unless the name "Holmes Beach" is preserved) reminds us that we should be giving consideration to date of our proposed annual meeting. Will all members inform the Recorder as to the day of the week preferred.
17. Model program and menu of Maiwand Jezails, seion group in Omaha, for an annual meeting.
18. Interesting pastice "The Adventure (Case) of the Hanson Ransom" by R.L. Fish.
19. Another installment of the "Baker Street Pages" as compiled by Chris Redmond, son of member D.A. Redmond. History is given of the Founding of the Baker St. Irregulars, N.Y., etc.

As usual any or all of these items may be perused on application to the Recorder.

20. Report in Miami Herald 1/16/74 of a new play in London briefly titled "Sherlock Holmes." It's drawing big crowds, one critic saying, "Masterly, my dear Holmes."
21. Tom Reesor, one of our founding members, and who suggested our name, has been chosen technical engineer at the popular CBS TV studio.


 Leslie Marshall
 Recorder

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22. We were about to go to press, when alert Member Morgan called our attention to a center spread "pastice" in TIME for Jan. 28, just on the newsstands, headed "Sherlock Holmes: Case of the Strange Erasures," with a typical Paget illustration. The author of this lucubration really knows the Canon, and well deserves the Queen's Shilling, though we don't see Stefan Kanter's name in the Raabe list of the Irregular membership.