

THE PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA
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To Our Member Irregulars, Auxiliants, and Corresponding Members

1. Because of their importance, we mention first that appended will be found (a) a complete address list. This provides a further possibility of an interchange of correspondence. Mr. Edwards joined us a few weeks ago. He is Vice President and Actuary of the Baltimore Life Insurance Co., and was introduced by Member Peter Blau, noted Sherlockian scholar. (b) List of books in our loan library and of which Rebecca Hall, B.S.A., one of our founding members, is Curator and Librarian. She informs us that books may be loaned for three weeks, positive. Remit 25¢ for postage. It might be here remarked that the well known Sherlockian lecturer and bibliophile, member John Bennett Shaw, has stated that he believes ours is the only loan library of its type in existence. We here record our thanks to Curator Hall for her labor of love on our behalf. (See address list.)

2. Clipping from Univ. So. Fla.'s "Oracle" reporting a study in its English course of "The Detective Story" and to include "The Hound of the Baskerville" (sic).

3. Those viewing the PBS's TV presentation of the Emmy winning remarkable "Upstairs, Downstairs," may have noted the cogent reference to the Writings, June 2.

4. Received on exchange "The Sherlockian Neddler" vol. 1, 3. It's the publication of the Non-Canonical Calabashes of Los Angeles.

5. A Communication dated May 30 from Member Don Redmond which, bearing as it does "all the news which is fit to print," we offer to those desiring to read it.

6. The "Tec" TV show evidently could not resist June 4 some considerable refs. to the Nemesis of Crime and his constant companion. This and some other important references sometimes reach the Recorder in private letters, but we feel they should be recorded.

7. Lanier's novella in "Fantasy and Science Fiction" on the hideous, but ephemeral beast, "The Rat of Sumatra." As the writer admits, whether the world is really for it is a question. (Sherlockians are familiar with this reservation. The author is quite uncertain.) 35pp.