

Corresponding Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars

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Office of the Recorder,

Headquarters Holmes Beach, Fla.

General Communication #17, January, 1975

1. We Welcome into our Scion since our last Communication, Rev. Dr. Benton Wood, Director of Studies, St Paul's School (Epis.), Clearwater; Mr Adam Proios, ; No
Mr Lee McClatchy, . As well indoctrinated males they will
bring lustre to our pursuit, we know. Please add to your mailing list.
- 2.* Your Recorder attended the annual dinner and meeting of the parent body of the Baker Street Irregulars in New York Jan. 10, at the Regency Hotel, on Park Ave., celebrating the 121st birthday of Mr Sherlock Holmes who was too busy to be on hand, working hard on his magnum opus The Segregation of the Queen Bee, at his farm in Sussex. This item includes a package made up of the official program and material from other Scions.
3. "Crimes and Punishment," a remarkable 20-vol profusely illustrated set giving an account of every crime ever committed, anywhere, includes several references to Mr. Holmes's publisher's agent, one A.C. Doyle. In giving a brief account of Mrs. E. Vidocq, celebrated French detective, it is commented "He is remembered in Paris like Sherlock Holmes is in Great Britain." Published by Symphonette Press, N.Y., \$5.76 per vol., (see below) *6 Commercial St
Micksville 11801*
- 4.* Remarkable folder bearing the imprimature of Member Redmond meticulously describing and illustrating "How to Tell Whether a Snake is Harmless." We are aware of references to such reptiles in the Sacred Writings, but this work might be useful "For the Morning After."
- 5.* Fortenuous letter from TIME to the Recorder responding to his communication deploring certain errors in its Nov. 25 issue concerning the Master and Dr. Watson's chronicles. But being of a forgiving nature we excuse such misadversions in the light of a magnificent tribute to Mr Holmes in the course of another article on p. 108 of the same edition.
- 6* Considerable group of zeroxed, etc., material reviewing the Royal Shakespeare Co.'s enactment in N.Y. of William Gillette's "Sherlock Holmes." (Several programs included.)
7. Auxiliant Butts reports has for sale a supply of 8x10 glossies from the Basil Rathbone-Bruce Holmes's films. Write her direct. (See your address list.)
- 8.* Feature stories, with illustrations, of interviews with the Recorder, in the Clearwater, Fla., Sun, and St Petersburg, Fla., Times.
- 9.* Full page, illustrated review in the St. P Times, 11/4/74, of the still best seller book "The 7% Solution," by Nicholas Meyer.
- 10.* Featured account, with his photo, in the Colorado State University's publication "Comment of Member De Waal's Holmesian library and mementos of the famed private detective.
11. Even that Irish wit, Finley Peter Dunn, in renowned "Observations of Mr. Dooley," recognized the genius of the Mentor of Baker Street, and in a lengthy chapter on him, Member Morgan points out, shows how the Dorsey-Dugan case was solved. (Of Course!)
- 12.* Full page, source not given, graphically illustrating the epoch making "Struggle at the Fa
- 13.* The Chicago Tribune gave considerable coverage to the current much called-for books on Holmesian matters. Included a detailed sketch of the famed sitting room contents.
- 14.* Member Shaw's unique montage of uses made of Mr Holmes in commercial advertising.
- 15.* Not to be outdone by PLAYBOY, the Christian Science Monitor (!) 12/19 ran lengthy article, as did P-B, on the current "Sherlock Holmes's 'Revival'." Member Petit zeroxed it all for us, as well as a fine similar article in the magazine PEOPLE 1/8/75. She also artistically prepared a little incanabula from the Ft. Worth Sun-Tele., 1/8/75.

Note: Starred items indicates the documentary evidence is available.

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ADDENDUM - STOP PRESS

16.* The Redoubtable HARPER'S MAGAZINE sends us clip sheet of its extensive article "Some Baker Street Irregulars" Feb. 75

As to #3 above: vol. 7, at p. 131, is headed "Sherlock Holmes."
Summary of Cases, pictures.