

THE PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA (Vide "Five Orange Pips")

Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

Office of the Recorder,

HdQRS. Holmes Beach

General Communication #18, March, '75

1. We welcome to our membership since our last Communication: H. Francis Jonsberg, ; Richard Post, ; Chas. Sunders, ; Larry DeKay, ; Please add to your mailing list. If without a copy, request from Recorder.
2. The first annual meeting of our Scion held in St. Feb. 15 was a happy affair, nearly twenty attending, despite several expectants being laid low by the flu. Center of attraction was a large table spread with delectable exhibits of 40 or more pictures, books, pastiches, news clippings, including the wondrous Diploma granted Mr. Holmes by the University of Colorado. Members voiced in turn how first they became acquainted with the Founder of the Science of Deduction. Longest distance attendants were Mr and Mrs. Paul Gunning from Gainesville. It was decided to initiate a "Round-Robin" Pastiche, each of a tryout group adding in turn a certain number of words to complete the "Case of The Foreign Cabman." By next Communic., hope to present the Solution, Watsonwise. The meeting had been opened by Rev. Dr. Wood (who was accompanied by Mrs. Wood) intoning the Holmes' Prayer.
3. Auxiliant Butts returned from her London sojourn with a massive chronicle of her adventures. Of course, 221-B heard her list of must-sees. Mr Holmes and his Chronicler evidently being out on a case, a commissionsaire had been left in charge to explain.
4. FOR LOAN - The indispensable, last word in Sherlockiana - THE ANNOTATED, kindly loaned by Member Tom Reesor, weighing 10 1/2-lbs may be loaned from the Recorder's Office on receipt of \$1.00 toward postage cost. Also, the extraordinary "World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson," compiled by Member De Waal, of Colo. U. Believe it or not, it gives every word said about both in every publication from the "beginning." Weight 5 1/2-lbs.
4. The current resurgence of interest in Mr. Holmes' cases, accelerates if anything. A large dossier has accumulated here garnered by our alert members, a selection of which may be had for the asking. Of the numerous impersonators of the Great Private Practitioner of the Detecting Art, the name John Wood is frequently mentioned just now. His qualifications don't happen to be known to your Recorder who will appreciate further info from anyone.
5. In re the Honorary Diploma in the Art and Science of Sleuthing granted Mr Holmes, as mentioned in no. 2 above, the Ft. Collins, Col., Coloradian, Feb. 6, published a large picture of it which is available to our members on request.
6. TV programs mentioning the Benefactor of the Race (vide Watson) recently is the popular M*A*S*H which indicated he might well explore a certain supine body. Then, of course, Snoopy had to get into the act, in "It's a Mystery - Charlie Brown" CBS, 8 p.m., Feb 7.
7. A zeroxed copy of "Sherlock Holmes' Prayer" thoughtfully provided by Dr. Wood, as mentioned in item n. 2, above, is available. It will of course be handled with the greatest circumspection.
8. We had not previously been aware that Charles Doyle, the father of the publisher's agent for the Sacred Writings, had been a well-known artist. Some of his work appears in a "Story of Murder," one of series pub. by the Symphonette Press, N.Y., '74
9. The Book of the Month Club never misses a best seller. It is bringing out an impressive 2-vol set of the Revered Cannon, pricing it at \$8.50, for members.
10. "Truth or Consequences," (CBS) announced a program in which the Master was supposed to have de-throned the Napoleon of Crime - Prof. Moriarty, but we haven't seen it yet. Any member who has done so, please communicate with the Recorder.
11. It is not suprising that even the ingenious political cartoonists grasp for Mr Holmes to illustrate their sermons. Warren King in the L.I. Dly News 11/27/74 shows the Discoverer of Royal Jelly - produced by the Queen Bee - throwing his flashlight on the darksome "Bureaucracy," seeking, too, for "Real Savings."
12. Word Puzzles, ads. for plumbing, Mobile Homes (yes, that's spelled right!) use the handsome profile of you-know-who to sell their goods and services.

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