

Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

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Holmes Beach

General Communication, #19, May '75

1. Two more well indoctrinated Sherlockians have joined us since our last communication: Odin W. Mac Neill and B. Ward, . Add to your list, and its suggested you drop them a card of welcome.
 2. This gives us a membership of 39, so it may be appropriate to call to the attention of those who have happened to overlook it, that a good deal more oil for the machinery is necessary than when we started with 5 members.
 3. Mr. Holmes is headlined in the National Observer as a "father figure."
 4. St. Petersburg Reference Librarian, our Caroline Everett, reports the library has acquired Robert Fish's pastiche "Sherlock Holmes." Also, remarkably, a copy of the famous "Annotated," available to the public at any time. Member Reesor's copy is on open file at the Recorder's whenever wanted. Postage \$1.00.
 5. Member DeWaal's notable "World Bibliography," may now be loaned through Member M. Norton its last borrower, postage \$1.00. The Bookseller, London, for March, carries a full page ad. of it, #2995.
 6. Several color pictures taken by Auxiliant Wanda Butts when recently in London- the Pub., etc. (see communic. 18). Also letterhead of the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, Baker St.
 7. A Reader's Digest "Jack the Ripper" story in which the Publisher's Agent is given credit for "the most reasonable solution."
 8. "Baker Street Miscellanea" a new publication in the Sherlockian field. Full of good material- pastiches, mainly. The Sciolist Press, Box 2579, Chicago 60690. \$4.00 per year, four issues.
 9. Jots and Titles (a) Member Prof. Mitchell wrote an editorial Apr. 4 for the St. P. Independent; (b) Reader's Digest said in May, one F. Kanter of N.Y. is the Holmes of the spare parts world; (c) "Seven Per Cent Solution" still on the best seller list; (d) St. P. Times interviews TV 'tec Jack Warden who said his latest TV will be like S.H.; (e) full page Sat. Review ad. March 8 for Air-India, shows the Master cheek by cheek with glamorous Indian damsel; (f) Carl Toms awarded Oscar trophy for best scenic designer for the play "Sherlock Holmes."
- Write the Recorder for any of the above supporting documents.
10. Under the heading "Cameos" St. P. Times 5/11 had a lengthy piece on Basil Rathbone's opinion of Holmes whom he portrayed in the movies and for seven years on radio.

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11. We were about to consign this to the mails when several items of especial interest warrant this addenda: Mr. John Fought, 7000 Onyx Dr., No St P., 33702, surfaced as a well indoctrinated male, applying for membership in our Scion. He is connected with the book trade, reporting that we are listed in an ephemera entitled the "Sherlock Holmes Quiz," a work unknown to your Communicator. We hope shortly to peruse it for a later report.
12. Member Caroline Everett, in a strategic post as Reference Librarian in St P.'s main public library, reports that it has placed on its shelves "The Public Life of S.H.;" Drake Pub. Inc., N.Y. Incidentally, Member Burton also is on the staff of the Library.
13. John Bennett Shaw, communicating member, and an ebdomarius of the BSI, from way-back, sends us just in time, a handful of illustrious and illustrated material mainly from the Los Angeles Times, but featuring the national magazine "Voice" pub. for high school students. Contains feature on Basil R., illuminated by his picture which shows him donned in a prince albert and top hat.