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1. The Recorder takes this means of expressing his appreciation to those members who sent him greetings cards at Christmas and the New Year. It's nice to be remembered.
 2. Due mainly to foul-ups in his plane reservations, your Recorder was prevented from attending the annual meeting in New York January 9 of the parent body, as conducted by Dr. Wolff, who also is editor of the B.S.I.'s Journal. It had been our privilege over many years to read there Mr. Holmes' Prayer as discovered among the papers of the founder of the Science of Deduction, by his associate and chronicler John Henry Watson, M.D., and put into print by Christopher Morley, Father of the BSI. Prominent on the program of the Birthday observance are a series of toasts, led off by that to THE WOMAN, Irene.
 3. There continues to be an astonishing outpouring in the press and other media of references to Mr. Holmes. Our perceptive Bill Ward, for example, card-indexing no fewer than 24. These range from Shultze's "Charley Brown" cartoons to serious discussions of the Private Practitioner's solutions of hideous crimes. These cards, and any and all documents supporting our listings are available for examination.
 4. An interesting example of the above is brought to our attention by member Rich Burton: Leonard Nemoj-Mr. Spock of "Star Trek"-recently played, i.e., portrayed, the Benefactor of the Race in an educational film designed to explain his scientific methods.
 5. A moot question of great significance has been raised by Member Butts, B.S.A., as brought to her attention by her brother resident in Tennessee who observed in a movie "The Adventures of S.H." that the Master was handling a gun with a no nonsense attitude. Our question is "Did Mr. Holmes ever shoot anyone?" No published researches in the Conan reveal he did so - but can anyone reading this, report to the contrary?
 6. Anything has to be regarded by the editors as really important to break into the New York Times Magazine. Thus, we catch the significance when a writer of a Letter to it, bemused no doubt by the fragment so erroneous, yet popular, the "Oick Watson the Needle," that "Elementary, my dear Watson" doesn't appear in the Chronicles. It was corrected, below the Letter, by Dr. Wolff, pointing out these words appear three times: "Case of Identity," "The Crooked Man," "The Hound of the Baskerville" (sic)
 7. Mentioning above our Member Wonda Butts reminds us that sometime ago she composed a series of Pastiches of considerable merit and put into Zeroxed sets. A few still remain and may be had from the Recorder for \$2.00, which includes postage.
 8. Through patient research Member Maxfield has established that wholly aside from serving as Mr. Holmes' amanuensis, Dr. Watson's professional writings "are important in the world's permanent medical literature." While "chiefly of interest," David says, "to medical specialists with M.D. degrees," this fact obliterates the belief in some quarters that Dr. Watson was chiefly a purveyor of paragoric and panegyrics. We can anticipate seeing more about this in the Baker Street Journal.
 9. Member McClatchy has supplied with a remarkable 5-page article in "Pastimes" for Sept. '75, illustrating in vivid color, not to say prose, a large segment of the Canon as portrayed on film by a number of notable thespians. There is an unusually beautiful picture of THE WOMAN in a light blue ensemble, as played by Novotna.
 10. To briefly mention: N.Y. Times Nov. 2 reported "Sherlock Holmes Solves Watergate"; Orlando Sentinel Nov. 16 featured "S.H. solves his cases with a phenomenal power of observation and logical thinking"; N.Y. Times Magazine Nov. 8 illustrated a full page dealing with S.H.'s "Shortest Case"; Four clippings from various papers reviewing the new book and play, "Holmes' Smarter Brother"; Newsweek Dec. 22 also reviewed the foregoing; the scholarly Sherlockian member Ronald Redmond, sent us an exordium concerning the Private Practitioner's investigation into the sudden demise of Geo. Cardinal de Costa; member Goldstein submits copy of a very early BSI membership certificate - 7/31/48; member Morgan didn't let the Toronto Globe Mail review of the "Speckled Band" escape him.

For Sherlockian books see Curator's Hall's list and Member Everett's, Public Library.

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