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1st December 1982

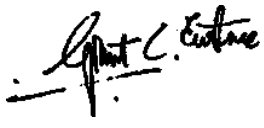
Dear Mr Johnson,

To what extent radio broadcasts constitute 'Holmesian happenings' in the terms of the last Society notice, I'm not sure. But in case they do, let me tell you that a series I have written, "Second Holmes", begins transmission in the New Year.

The first (self-contained) episode will be broadcast on Sunday January 2nd at 7.02 on BBC Radio 4, and repeated on Wednesday January 5th at 12.27. The remaining five episodes will be broadcast and repeated in the same placings in subsequent weeks.

The series concerns the exploits of the grandsons of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson (played respectively by Peter Egan and Jeremy Nicholas). It is a development of the play "The Monte Carlo Telegram", which some members have seen, although unlike the play it is set in the present day.

Yours sincerely,



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Two items of interest to start 1983.

At the Victoria Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, a new play is to be performed on the following dates:-

Wednesday the 5th to Saturday 8th of January (7.30 p.m.), Monday 10th to Saturday 15th of January (7.30 p.m.) And Monday 21st to Saturday 26th of February (7.30 p.m.). The play is SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE VALLEY OF FEAR by Christopher Martin. This is believed to be the first stage adaptation of the final Sherlock Holmes long story. The telephone number for the ticket office is Newcastle (Staffs) - (0782) - 615962. Ticket prices are as follows:-

Monday to Friday. £2.80. Saturday. £3.00. Reduced prices (Monday to Friday) - Adults in parties of 10 and more: £2.40; full-time students and children: £2.10; senior citizens: £1.30; unwaged welfare claimants: £0.50.

Donald A. Redmond's long awaited book SHERLOCK HOLMES: A STUDY IN SOURCES has been published by McGill-Queen's University Press, 5201 Dufferin Street, Downsview, Ontario, Canada M3H 5T8, at 24 dollars 95 cents plus 1 dollar shipping charges. It is also available from the University of Toronto Press, Ely House, 37 Dover Street, London W1X 4HQ, at £18.75.

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13th January 1983

Mr Bob Graham writes to inform me that the Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society will be performing Tim Kelly's adaptation of THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES in March.

Performances will be at Lopping Hall, High Street, Loughton on Thursday 24th March, Friday 25th March and Saturday 26th March, starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door, priced about £1.20 and less. Publicity handouts are not usually printed until about a fortnight before the event.

I suggest that those interested in attending contact Mr Graham to check availability of tickets. His address is:-

11, Stradbroke Grove
Buckhurst Hill
Essex.
LG9 5PD
(telephone: 01-504 1056)

Mr Graham tells me that he will probably attend the Friday evening performance, and adds that any members wishing to go on the same evening are welcome to join him for a meal at his house beforehand. "I will try and arrange some "oysters, and a brace of grouse, with something a little choice in white wines" - or something similar!"

A very generous offer. I shall certainly attend the show, and hope to see other members either at Mr Graham's house or at the theatre.

R.J.

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The new play, "221B" by Martyn Read, is to be mounted as a touring production. The itinerary is as follows:-

Week of 8th August	BATH	Theatre Royal
15th - 17th August	STAFFORD	Gatehouse Theatre
19th & 20th August	BUXTON	Opera House
22nd - 25th August	EDINBURGH	Churchill Theatre
Week of 29th August	INVERNESS	Eden Court Theatre
6th - 10th September	CHESTERFIELD	Pomegranate Theatre
Week of 12th September	BRIGHTON	Theatre Royal
Week of 19th September	OXFORD	Playhouse
Week of 26th September	CARDIFF	Sherman Theatre
Week of 3rd October	ST HELENS	Theatre Royal
10th - 12th October	WARWICK	Arts Theatre
13th - 15th October	BURY ST EDMUNDS	Theatre Royal

The only character in the play is Dr Watson, who will be played by NIGEL STOCK.

I know that the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, is keen to promote the play to Sherlockians. No doubt information and promotional material can be obtained from the other theatres on the itinerary.

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Sylvian Hamilton (her letterhead reads: "S. Hamilton, BOOKS (especially Sherlock Holmes") has gone into publishing. A limited edition of 100 copies - the first 50 being signed by author and artist - is now available of THE CASE OF THE MISSING TANDOORI or, Whatever Happened to MY Bombay Duck? Being the Ethnic Adventures of Dreadlock Holmes. (A very long title for a small book.)

The author is Miles Tubb and the illustrator Deborah Hamilton. The book - more what Dr Watson would have called a "brochure" - is an amusing and intriguing parody-pastiche. Mrs Hamilton advertises it as "A Sherrin Ford Original, Calabash Series no. 1".

It is available from Mrs Hamilton at £2,25, including postage.

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Llanwrda,
Dyfed.
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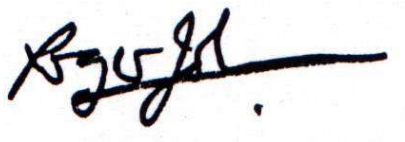

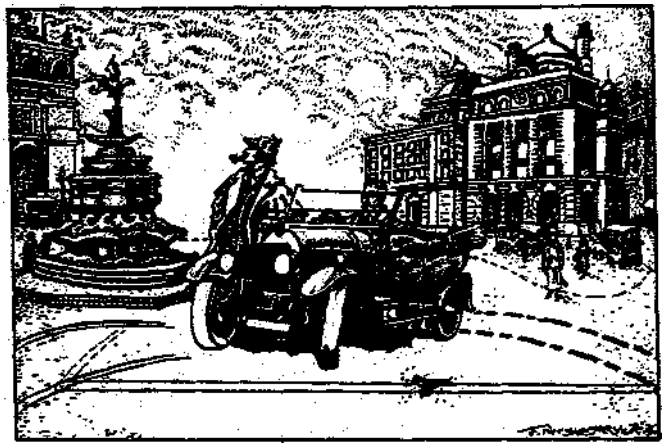

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From September 7th to October 1st 1983, the Churchill Theatre, Bromley (Kent) will present a production of John Kane's play "Murder, Dear Watson". The play was very well received when it was first produced last year at The Mill at Sonning. Booking for the autumn season at the Churchill starts on the 9th July, and details can be had from the theatre. The address is:-

The Churchill Theatre
High Street
Bromley
Kent.
(Box Office telephone: 01-460 677/5838)

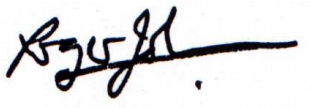
I enclose a copy of the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, handout advertising Martyn Read's play "221B". This is a touring production, Bury being the last stop on the tour. The box office at the Theatre Royal opens for booking (for this play) on the 30th August.

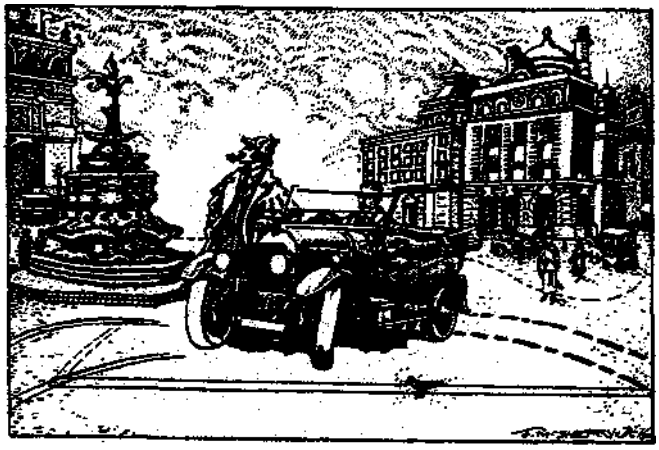
Finally, the City of Birmingham Choir is to stage a second performance of "The Diamond and the Goose", the Holmesian oratorio by John Dankworth and Benny Green which was commissioned by the Choir and first performed in 1981. The programme, which will also include Britten's "Cantata Academica", wall start at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday the 19th November in Birmingham Town Hall. Seats are priced as follows:-

Lower Gallery:	£6,	£5.75,	£5.50
Upper Gallery:	£6,	£5.40,	£4.80
Ground Floor:	£4,	£2.50	

Tickets will be on general sale at the Town Hall Box Office, Birmingham B3 3DQ ('phone 021-236 3889) at the beginning of October. Cheques should be made payable to "City of Birmingham Amenities", and a stamped and addressed envelope should be included with your application. (This will be something quite special: the first performance of "The Diamond and the Goose" received great acclaim from musical critics and Sherlockian critics alike.)

Please keep your envelopes rolling in. You never know what you might miss in the way of information!





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16th September 1983

All books this time.

Sylvian Hamilton has a new catalogue out: S.H.7. devoted entirely to Holmesiana and Doyleana. It's full of good things. The catalogue is free, but you are asked to send a stamped and addressed envelope.

Following the success of The Case of the Missing Tandoori. Mrs Hamilton is preparing a second Ethnic Adventure of Dreadlock Holmes: The Macabre Death of Screaming Lord Krutch. Again, the author is Miles Tubb and the illustrator Deborah Hamilton. There will be a limited edition of 100 copies, the first 50 signed by author and artist, and the book - larger than its predecessor - will be ready before the end of the year at a cost of £3.00.

Sylvian Hamilton's address is:-

Parc,
Caio,
Llanwrda,
Dyfed.
SA19 8PF

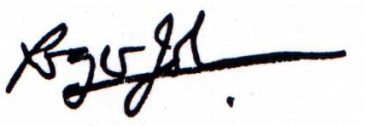
In the recent issue of the Sherlock Holmes Journal. Nicholas Utechin reviewed a new pastiche entitled The Adventure of the Purple Hand by Denis Smith, but omitted to include publication details.

The book is in a signed, limited edition of 500 copies, available from the author at: -

24, Filgrave,
Nr. Newport Pagnell,
Bucks.

The price is £2.50 plus 25p postage and packing, or $5.00 plus $1.50 airmail (75¢ surface).

Please keep me in touch with Sherlockian happenings, and keep those envelopes coming in!



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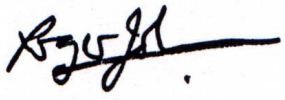
Some odds & ends for the Christmas season.

The Victoria & Albert Museum is currently (until early January) running an exhibition on the life and works of Richard ("Dicky") Doyle - Sir Arthur's uncle. The exhibition includes a small display relating to the notorious Cottingley fairies.

An original Sherlock Holmes musical, "The Deerstalker", is to be presented on the 23rd and 24th of March at the Windmill Hall, Upminster, Essex (actually in the London Borough of Havering, if you want to be pedantic) by a drama group called The Chameleons. The story concerns the disappearance of a Princess at a Music Hall, and the authors seem to have made good use of discussions with the late Martin Dakin. Catherine Cooke, who sent this information, offers to obtain details of times, prices, etc for those interested and would like to arrange a group visit on the 24th. Please contact Catherine direct at The Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Public Library, Marylebone Road, London N.W.1. (telephone 01-828 8070, extension 4028)... by the end of February at the latest, please. Upminster is easily accessible by rail, being on the main B.R. line from Fenchurch Street and on the District Line of the Underground. The Hall is only five minutes' walk from the station.

Denis Smith, whose pastiche "The Adventure of the Purple Hand" was favourably reviewed in the SHJ (rightly!), has written and published another. This one is called "The Adventure of the Unseen Traveller", and if anything it's even better. The book costs £2.50 plus 25p postage, or $5.00 plus $1.50 airmail (75¢ surface) and may be bought from Mr Smith at 24 Filgrave, nr. Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

Lastly, another product of Richard Lancelyn Green's monumental bibliographical researches: "The Uncollected Sherlock Holmes" is published by Penguin Books at £2.50, There is a certain amount of overlap with Jack Tracy's "Sherlock Holmes: The Published Apocrypha" and with Peter Haining's "The Final Adventures of Sherlock Holmes", but Mr Green's scholarship makes his book essential. His introduction (nearly 150 pages!) alone is worth the price of the book.

The compliments of the season to you all.