



For the Sake of the Trust

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BSI Trust Board Plays Musical Chairs: Francis Sits Down, Solberg Stands Up

BY MARSHALL S. BERDAN, BSI

After five years of dedicated and effective service to the cause of preserving the history and artifacts of the Baker Street Irregulars, BSI Trust Chair Tom Francis is stepping down. Francis, who began his tenure in 2008, formally announced his retirement as Chair in September. He will, however, continue to serve the Trust as a board member.

Replacing him at the top will be Andrew (Andy) Solberg, who was himself appointed to the board in early 2012. For the three years prior to that appointment, Andy had led the Trust's Oral History Project (OHP), a job he continued to do as a member of the board. But with his new wider scope of responsibilities and concomitant increased demands upon his time, Andy found it necessary to relinquish control of the OHP. Stepping up to replace him in that capacity will be Marsha

Pollak who has been serving as the OHP's most dedicated interviewer ever since the project's inception.

With all these changes in personnel, it is only fitting that this issue of *For the Sake of the Trust* be dedicated to expanding upon the transitions. Tom Francis graces us with a Canonical valediction in "From the (Retiring) Chair" while Mike Whelan, *Wiggins*, pays tribute to Tom in his encomium "A Yankee Gentleman." Last, but hardly least, Andy covers all three bases – Tom, Marsha, and himself -- in an expanded update on the Oral History Project, a piece he originally penned for the spring issue, but which – fortuitously as it turned out -- had to be held over for lack of space.

From The (Retiring) Chair

BY THOMAS J. FRANCIS, BSI

It is with a heavy heart that I take up my pen to write these last words in which I shall ever record the singular experience of managing the BSI Trust. I fear that I may become like some of those popular tenors who, having outlived their time, are still tempted to make repeated farewell bows to their indulgent audiences, so I have resigned as Chairman of the Baker Street Irregulars Trust.

In publishing these short sketches based upon my experiences and the needs of the BSI Trust, I have had a certain sense of satisfaction which now must come to an end. Shortly after my marriage I had bought my first "collectable" book from the Canon. Thus began my involvement in the world of Sherlock Holmes.

I had called upon my friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes (in the guise of Mike Whelan) one day in the autumn about six years ago. "My dear fellow," said Wiggins, "I would like you to take over as Chair of The Baker Street Irregu-

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On the Retirement of Tom Francis as Chair

BY MICHAEL F. WHELAN, WIGGINS

“A Yankee Gentleman”

Tom Francis is the very model of a New England gentleman. His Yankee common sense and demeanor immediately set the tone for his tenure. Calm, competent, collaborative and deliberate, economical (in manner and purse), he easily and confidently stepped into his new role five years ago. His background as chief financial officer of a major national retail chain has served the society well. Thanks to Tom's experience and Les Klinger's judicious counsel as treasurer, we have spent our money wisely, purchasing valuable material that otherwise would not have been gifted to the Archive either at auction or on the Internet, and paying for the necessary cataloging to make the BSI material in the Archive more easily searchable. Our next task is digitizing hundreds of images so as to have them accessible via personal computer.

Building the BSI Archive was difficult for all of us. If our founders walked on water -- which sometimes our sentimentality leads us to say or write -- then why weren't they prescient enough to realize how important our BSI "stuff" happened to be and make provision for its preservation? Edgar Smith alone perhaps realized its value by serving as the Irregulars' pack rat. But any plans he might have had were cut short by his untimely death in 1960. If Marv Epstein had not knocked on Edgar's son's door years later, Edgar's files might have also been lost.

The Trust's inaugural task was to persuade over 300 living BSI that their Sherlockian correspondence, papers,

toasts, and other BSI-centric memorabilia should be ultimately gifted to an entity they could hardly relate to or whose purpose they could barely understand. Furthermore, our Canadian and British members had their own societal archival institutions to consider. They have thankfully threaded that needle on occasion, such as Nick Utechin's gift of the Colin Prestige/Jim Montgomery correspondence and Chris Redmond's recent gift of Bliss Austin's sizeable correspondence to himself.

Andy Solberg, the new chairman of the BSI Trust, ran the Oral History Project (OHP) with energy and skill, preserving for history the voices of many aging members which otherwise would have been lost. We have been limited by time and distance, but our goal with Marsha Pollak as the new head of the OHP is to have all living Irregulars included in this oral archive. Heretofore, we have preferred doing face-to-face interviews, feeling that they were more effective. But Andy recently began allowing phone interviews when face-to-face interviews were difficult to schedule, and they have turned out excellently.

How does one say "we want all of it" and not sound covetous and grasping? It's not easy, but Tom set just the right tone with his appreciation of all gifts, large and small. No matter how much we will miss his steady, restrained leadership, the sports expression "next man up" - or nowadays, "next woman up" - applies. We will soldier on under the new Chair, who brings his own Yankee personality and skill set to this challenging position. We value Tom Francis' institutional memory and sound judgment and, thankfully, Tom will continue to serve on the board of the Trust.

❖ For the Sake of the Trust ❖

The Trust is a special part of the Baker Street Irregulars, the literary society dedicated to the study of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. The Trust is designed to collect, archive, and preserve historical documents for the study of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, the Victorian world, and the individuals and organizations like the BSI that have devoted themselves to such studies. The Trust has a special interest in preserving materials related to the history of the BSI, its members, and friends.

The Trust archive is located in the Houghton Library at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The archival material may be used by any qualified Sherlockian, subject to the normal rules and regulations of the library.

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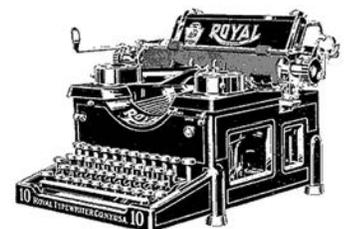
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From the (Incoming) Chair

BY ANDREW SOLBERG, BSI

Little did I know when I began drafting an update on the Oral History Project that I would be changing it because of my own changing role in the BSI Trust. Under the wonderful leadership of Tom Francis, the Trust has grown and thrived over the past five years. It has been a pleasure serving on the Trust's board under Tom's leadership. When I was informed that Tom wanted to retire as Chair, I felt the disappointment we all feel when a great leader in an organization in which we are involved decides to step down. Tom has been an enthusiastic advocate for the Trust; more importantly, he has skillfully shaped its growth over the past five years. There were two saving graces in my disappointment over Tom's retirement. One was that Tom will remain on the board, and we would continue to benefit from his ideas and insight. The second was that the Trust's board is comprised of effective, activist, dedicated, and incredibly intelligent members, and I was sure that strong leadership would be found in one of them.

Then I was offered the opportunity to succeed Tom as Chair. Filling Tom's shoes would be no easy task. But my own belief in the importance of collecting and preserving the collective memory of the Baker Street Irregulars and their accomplished membership led me to accept the position. One of the first things I did was to go back and read Tom's own article in the Spring 2008 newsletter when he accepted the position. Tom touched on all of the strengths of the Trust back then, which are even stronger today because of his leadership. I look forward to working with Tom and the other board members, the Houghton Library, and our many volunteers and contributors in furthering the mission of the Trust. Please keep those collections of correspondence and BSI memorabilia coming in. I promise that we will continue to be great stewards of the BSI's collective memory.

Of course, one of the disadvantages of my changing role in the Trust was that I would have to relinquish running the Oral History Project, a program that I have come to love dearly. I needed to find someone who loves the program as much as I do and who will lead it with enthusiasm and creativity. Marsha Pollak did her first interview for the Oral History Project back in 2007 with a wonderful interview of Karen Anderson about

her illustrious Sherlockian history and that of her late husband, Poul. Since then, she has interviewed a dozen more BSI, significantly more than any other interviewer. Marsha has contributed greatly to maintaining our collective memory, and she has graciously agreed to lead the Oral History Project into the future. I have been friends with Marsha for years, and I couldn't be more pleased with her acceptance of this responsibility. I want to thank Marsha publicly. She is a remarkable Sherlockian, and I look forward to working with her even more closely in our new roles.



Andrew Solberg, BSI

The Oral History Project is a remarkable program. Each interviewee relates stories about his/her early life, family, schooling, jobs, non-Sherlockian accomplishments, and Sherlockian interests. They talk about the roads that they took to becoming BSI. They also share their reactions to particular events and their opinions about things that happened, both in the distant and recent past. They talk about personalities, likes, dislikes, and memorable events and people. All of their stories give flavor to the history of the BSI as well as the greater Sherlockian world since they all travelled through that world before and after they became BSI. We try to cover it all.

You can imagine how enjoyable it is to do these interviews. You hear BSI speak caringly about people they know/knew and events they witnessed. Some of these events have historical significance, while others are simply funny or poignant. Often, the interviewee's friend is the one conducting the interview, and they have shared experiences, sparking each other's memory about people and events. The interviews are a joy to do and fun to listen to.

One of the challenges of running a program like this is trying to catch everyone. During the first couple of years after Don Terras passed the baton to me, we have been trying to interview everyone who was invested before 1970. In some ways, we have been using year of investiture as a proxy for age and health. Unfortunately, that doesn't always work. Recently, for example, we learned that one BSI who was invested shortly after 1970 has become increasingly frail. We immediately tried to set up an interview, but, frankly, he currently has more personal priorities and is resistant to doing an interview. It's understandable, but it highlights the fact that we have to do a better job of identifying interview subjects before they become so focused on health issues that they are no longer willing to be interviewed. Please, dear reader, if you know of anyone whom you think we should interview now, email Marsha (mlpollak@earthlink.net) or me (asolberg@earthlink.net). We would hate to lose anyone's unique perspective on the BSI, not to mention their own personal history. We are, after all, quite an accomplished group of individuals!

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lars Trust." It is a most singular thing that a problem which was certainly as abstruse and unusual as any which I have faced in my long professional career should have come to me after my retirement. When I glance over my notes and records of the subsequent years, I notice that of all the problems which have been submitted to the Trust the greatest remains: how can we be sure that we capture as much of our history as possible?

The sentiment expressed as "To the man who loves art for its own sake" can be altered to "To the man who loves history for its own sake" in synopsisizing the essence of the BSI Trust. "I have some papers here" are the words I loved to hear the most as Chair. An anomaly which often struck me was how often our members ignore the importance of the historical nature of the materials they possess.

During my long and intimate acquaintance with the Trust, I have been gratified by the support of the trustees and volunteers who work very hard to ensure the success of this venture. When I look at the massive manuscript volumes that contain our work stored at the Houghton Library, I am impressed by how much material we have already managed to preserve. We were fairly accustomed to receive unusual offers at the Trust, but the vast majority of them have proven fruitful.

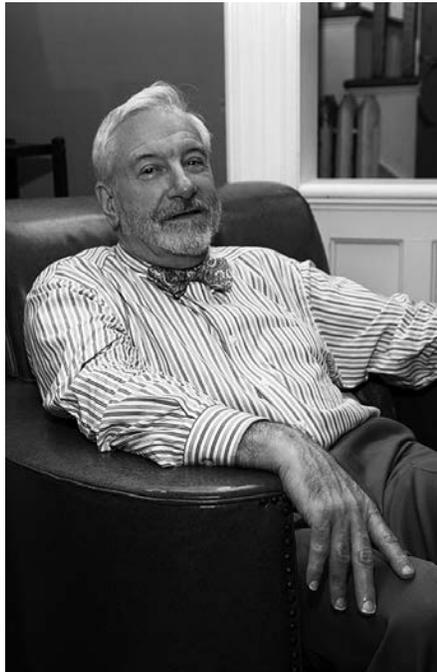
It may have been a comedy, or it may have been a tragedy. In any event it has been, for me, a great experience.

Now on to what is expected in this sort of valediction. I am truly grateful for the support of the other trustees. Dan Posnansky has been my conscience, guide, and most able advisor. Mike Whelan's support was invaluable. Les Klinger's amazing efficiency and deep commitment is truly impressive. Bob Coghill's cataloging work and quiet demeanor were an enjoyable delight.

The support, rational balance, and sound advice I received from both Steve Rothman and Costa Rossakis were always helpful and very much appreciated. Peter Blau, the Trust's idea machine, kept me on my toes and on the correct path. Andy Solberg brought a fresh new approach, high energy, and an amazing level of enthusiasm to the Trust. The future, under Andy's guidance, should make the Trust even stronger and more effective.

I should add here that my predecessors as co-chairs, Glen Miranker and Costa Rossakis, handed me a well set-up, organized functioning operation. Much of my success was due to what Glen and Costa had already established. They had to start from zero. I had the advantage of their having already done all the heavy lifting.

There are a number of people who are not trustees that were of great help to the Trust and me. Julie McKuras was the original editor of this newsletter and did a fine job. The current editor, Mike Berdan, has been outstanding. His dogged hounding of me for an essay for each issue makes him the official bull pup of the BSI Trust.



Tom Francis, BSI

Paul Singleton's tenacity and determination to make certain that every current paper, toast, etc. is captured is not only helpful, but impressive. For their annual services at the BSI dinner, I would also like to thank Ben Vizoskie who takes the photos and Joe Coppola who records it.

Mary Ann Bradley, who not only types but actually writes the well-crafted thank you letters, has been diligent, thorough, and a real hoot to deal with. Randall Stock who maintains the web-site is amazing in his ability to see pitfalls and opportunities well beyond the simple requests I make.

Vinnie Brosnan is willing to sacrifice time and profit from his own business as a bookseller in order to sell material for the sake of the trust. Michael Pollak did a very nice job of selling some of our surplus materials in the huckster's

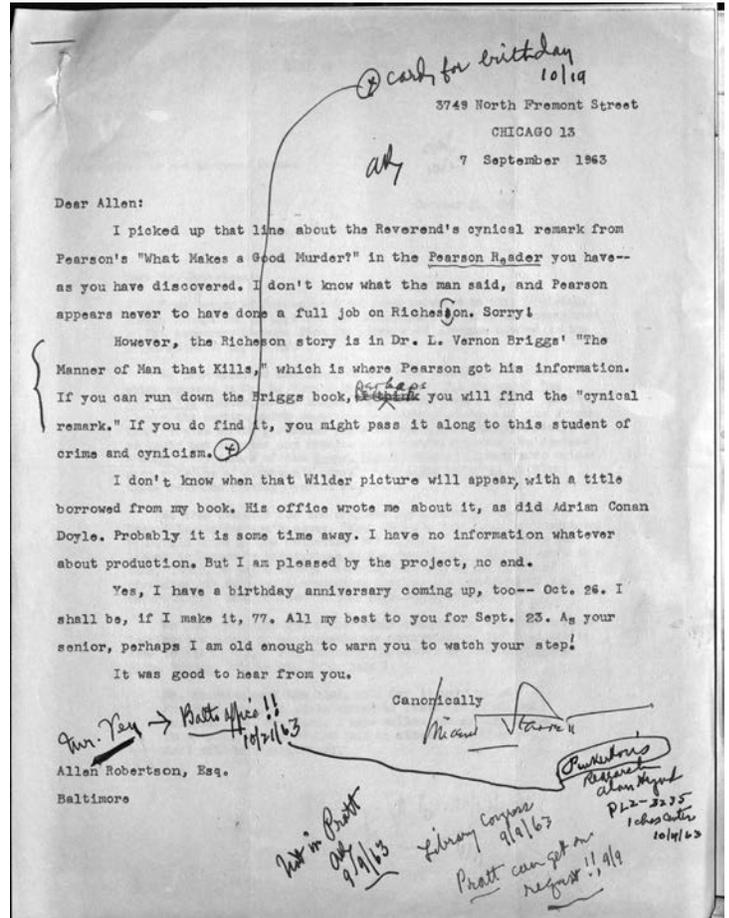
room last year and is undertaking that task again this year. Peter Accardo, of the Houghton Library and an invested member of the BSI, has been brilliant in his support of the Trust, both in terms of ideas about the future and in his solid advice regarding the day-to-day things we need to do.

There have been others who have helped me over these past years as well. Dorothy Stix assembled the photo albums and has been a great help in contacting people. Likewise for Don Izban who undertook the initial efforts to reach out and capture material from older members. Last but hardly least, the large group of people involved in the Oral History Project have done a lot to ensure that some of the most interesting stories and biographies are not lost. If I have overlooked anyone, I apologize.

Advice From Fifty Years Ago

BY PETER X. ACCARDO, BSI

Among the material donated to the BSI Trust Archive by Jerry Margolin in 2011 is a typed letter from Vincent Starrett to Allen Robertson, dated September 7, 1963. In the letter, Starrett offers advice to Robertson on how to locate the source of a "cynical remark" by the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson in Dr. L. Vernon Briggs' *The Manner of Man that Kills* (Boston, 1921), a remark that originally appeared in true crime pioneer Edmund Pearson's essay "What makes a good murder?" (On May 21, 1912, Richeson had been executed in the electric chair for the murder of his fiancée). Robertson, the founder of The Six Napoleons of Baltimore and an invested BSI, subsequently directed his query to a librarian in the General Reference and Bibliography Division of the Library of Congress, whose detailed response of October 21 has also been preserved, along with pertinent Xeroxes from Briggs' book. As for the identification of the passage, that remains, in the words of the Library of Congress librarian, "only one rather shaky conjecture." Adding interest to Starrett's letter is a brief reference to Billy Wilder's motion picture *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes* (which borrowed its title from Starrett's 1933 Sherlockian incunabulum), as well as his thoughts on his upcoming seventy-seventh birthday. "As your senior," wrote Starrett, "perhaps I am old enough to warn you to watch your step!"



Typed letter, signed, from Vincent Starrett to Allen Robertson September 7, 1963. *2011M-69 - Jerry Margolin gift.



Let Me Tell You A Story *continued from page three*

That said, we currently have ten interviews in various stages of production. The BSI Trust Board purchased five more digital voice recorders (now eleven, in total) which allow us to have many interviews going on at the same time.

I need to thank the many people who have done interviews. In the past couple of years, Peter Blau, Bob Coghill, Peter Crupe, Greg Darak (two interviews), Sonia Fetherston, Don Hobbs, Mike Homer, Bob Katz (two), Francine Kitts (five!), Julie McKuras, Marsha Pollak (of course), Jan Prager, Susan Rice, Dana Richards, Mike Berdan, and Dick Sveum have all done great interviews for us. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! If you, dear reader, are interested in interviewing a BSI member who lives near you, please let us know. If you are a BSI and would like to be interviewed, also please let us know.

The BSI Trust will continue to thrive. I am a strategic planner by profession, and I have already begun the process of identifying our agenda for the coming years. I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees, the Houghton Library, and with you to not only be a deposi-



Marshall Pollack, BSI

tory of our history, but also to make it as easily accessible as possible.

Lastly, I have to thank Mike Berdan for making my last article in this newsletter (Spring, 2012) reasonably intelligible. I have published over two dozen Sherlockian articles thus far, and I have never had the response to any of them that I received from that article.

Added to the Archives

The following material donations have been received since the publication of the Spring, 2013 newsletter.

- From Bruce Harris, Vincent Starrett's personal copy of the June, 1971 issue of *The Baker Street Journal*, signed by Starrett and including the mailing envelope with his name and address.
- From Harrison and Linda Hunt, material from The Grillparzer Club of the Hoboken Free State celebrating Christopher Morley's 123rd birthday and distributed on May 5, 2013.
- From Michael H. Kean, a DVD of the Scowers and Molly Maguires meeting of August 6, 1989, featuring ten invested members of the BSI, that was held at the Holiday Inn in San Francisco with its reconstructed 221B sitting room.
- From Chris Redmond, twenty-three letters (several with attachments) and one postcard from Bliss Austin to Chris (and some to Chris and Kate Karlson) dating from July 7, 1975 to July 23, 1986.
- From Al Rosenblatt, 22 folders of correspondence and original Scion Society Reports from his tenure (September 1977 - September 1987) as Scion Society editor of *The Baker Street Journal*.
- From Paul Singleton, a package of his personal correspondence with various members of the BSI spanning the years 1981 to 2008.
- From Charles G. Thomas, "half-tone" group pictures of the 1946 and 1947 BSI dinners with a key to the 1946 picture.
- From David Weiss, a three-ring binder containing 67 separate page protectors (assembled and delivered by Peter Crupe), each of which includes a piece of Six Napoleons or Cliffdwellers memorabilia, letter, BSI Dinner program, article, obituary, or acrostic from the period 1942 to 2008. Some are original and some are copies. Highlights include: copies of the letter from FDR accepting BSI membership; a letter from Edgar Smith to David; Smith's appeal for money for *The Baker Street Journal*; BSI Dinner programs for 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1965; BSI Minutes from the 1954 Dinner; a 1955 letter from Allen Robertson; and early Six Napoleons membership lists.



About Donations to the Trust

The Trust seeks primary materials about the history of the BSI and the Irregulars. These may consist of correspondence, photographic and audio materials, manuscripts of historical documents, biographical material, newspaper clippings, and magazine articles. It can also accept valuable Sherlockian books that can be sold to raise funds for the Trust.

The Trust does not intend to create a collection that duplicates the Sherlock Holmes Collection at the University of Minnesota or the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection of the Toronto Metropolitan Reference Library, and so does not actively seek editions of the Canon or scholarly works unless the material has a direct bearing on the history of the BSI or the Irregulars.

The Trust is a 501(c)(3) organization, and contributions are tax-deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

To deduct a non-cash donation of \$5,000 or more, the owner must arrange and pay for a qualified appraisal. Contributions of \$250 or more will be publicly acknowledged; for non-cash items, however, tax regulations prohibit the Trust from acknowledging the dollar value of the donation in this newsletter or *The Baker Street Journal*.

The initial step in making a donation is to contact one of the trustees. You can find contact information on the Baker Street Irregulars Trust website: www.bsitrust.org.



The BSI Trust Newsletter Goes Electronic – Take Two

In the last issue of *For the Sake of the Trust*, we announced that in order to save money, the trustees had decided to have the newsletter go electronic as much as possible. To that end, we invited those who would be willing to receive all future copies in an electronic (PDF) version to e-mail us their acceptance. Unfortunately, Moriarty’s minions arranged for the wrong e-mail address to be listed in the announcement. Despite that bastardly interference, a good two dozen of you still found a way to let us know that you would be willing to receive the electronic version from here on out. We thank you for your compliance and persistence.

We suspect that many more of you are also so willing, but that your e-mail acceptances were lost in the ether. For that, we humbly apologize. We now ask you to let us know again of your willingness to “accept our terms” by sending us an e-mail to that effect, along with the e-mail address to which you would like all future copies sent, to Trust221b@gmail.com. Again, we do not wish to compel anyone to receive future copies of this newsletter via e-mail. You can still receive a physical copy in the mail if you prefer, and if we do not hear specifically from you to the contrary, we will continue to send them to you that way.

Special Note (and Apology) to Sherlockian Collectors

You may have noticed that this issue of the BSI Trust Newsletter is marked “Issue No. 12”. That is because it is the twelfth issue. Simple as that sounds, it has been obvious to Sherlockian completists that when it comes to numbering and identifying these newsletters, we at The Trust have taken the concept of irregular to a new level -- nay, rather a new plane. Inconsistency has been our watchword. In an effort to put that right, we have recently begun adhering to a strict ordinal progression. This is issue number twelve; the next will be issue number thirteen, and so forth -- simple enough so that even an Athelney Jones can follow it, not that any of our readers fall into that abysmal category! We sincerely apologize for the past confusion. And, in an effort to provide those who wish to have a clear statement of *For the Sake of the Trust’s* publishing history, we are providing the following chart.

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#3			Summer 2007	#9		Issue 9	Spring 2012
#4	Volume 2	Issue 2	Winter 2007	#10		Issue 10	Fall 2012
#5			Spring 2008	#11		Issue 11	Spring 2013
#6			Fall 2008	#12		Issue 12	Fall 2013

We do have an inventory of issues #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, copies of which can be obtained by contacting our editor, Mike Berdan. If you wish to print out copies of any other issue, you can do so by visiting our website, www.bsitrust.org/newsletter, which contains digital copies of all previous issues and downloading them.

Additional Apologies

In “A Collector Recollects,” (Spring, 2012) Lisa McGaw was erroneously described as “the lady who initiated the Gillette luncheons.” As several readers quickly pointed out, it was Clifton R. “Clif” Andrew who both initiated and named the luncheon in 1945 as an additional opportunity for out-of-towners to get together during the course of the annual Birthday Weekend in New York. Lisa McGaw didn’t take over running the then firmly-established event until 1964. She continued in that role for a full 25 years. Susan Rice has run it admirably ever since.

In an item that appeared under “BSI Trust News” in that same issue, the Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection, housed at the Toronto Public Library, was incorrectly referred to as the “Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Society,” which is a completely different organization based in the province of British Columbia. We would like to thank Doug Wrigglesworth, Chair Emeritus of the Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection, for alerting us to the misidentification.

And in the “Added to the Archives” section of our Fall, 2012 issue, we inadvertently listed the name of renown Disney illustrator Carl Barks as “Carl Banks.”

The Cardinal Points

BY MARSHALL S. BERDAN, BSI



Marshall S. Berdan, BSI

For reasons that should come as no mystery to Sherlockians, the BSI Trust has traditionally favored pulling its seminal quotations from "The Musgrave Ritual." Indeed with the eponymous ritual's specific reference to "the trust" and the sacred obligations of "he who will come," such preferential primacy is only natural.

But it occurred to me that there are some equally apropos lines regarding the not-so-secret workings of the Trust that can be culled from other adventures as well, perhaps most notably "The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet." Consider, if you will, this Canonical conversation:

"But the gems, Mr. Holmes. Where are they?"

"I cannot tell."

The banker wrung his hands. "I shall never see them again!" he cried.

But as we all know, Alexander Holder did see the missing gems again – and in less than 24 hours -- thanks to the perspicacity and persistence of Mr. Sherlock Holmes. And just before he does, we have the following exchange:

"Ha! You say so! You have heard something, Mr. Holmes; you have learned something! Where are the gems?"

"You would not think a thousand pounds apiece an excessive sum for them?"

"I would pay ten."

"That would be unnecessary."

The gems to which I allude here are not the literal crown jewels of King Charles I, but the figurative semi-precious stones of our own imaginative realm, the Baker Street Irregulars, be they correspondence, personal artifacts, or ephemera from the annual dinners or other BSI-sponsored events. To be sure, some of the most scintillating of them might well be worth the thousand a piece that Holmes pays Sir George Burnwell's unidentified receiver after "much chaffering." The BSI Trust, of course, does not deal with receivers of stolen goods, but with honorable men and women who are willing to share their own personal jewels with the greater community of their fellow Sherlockians and posterity. Indeed, we have always – and will always -- depend upon them and their generosity. And we prefer not to chaffer.

But as we go boldly forward into the second decade of our collective existence, let us not forget that our primary objective is to increase our treasure trove of lost, strayed, and even slightly damaged BSI gems. To that end, let me conclude by paraphrasing the parting words of the much relieved Alexander Holder: "Sir (or Madam), [we] cannot find words to thank you, but you shall not find [us] ungrateful for what you have done."



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