



The Medical Bulletin

The Official Newsletter of
Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients
a Scion Society of **The Baker Street Irregulars**

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Annual Birthday Banquet

The annual dinner celebrating Sherlock Holmes' Birthday will be held January 24, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select in Cherry Creek at 455 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. Cocktails and registration will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 pm.

Traditional Festivities

The event will include the Doctor's Oath, traditional (and perhaps some non-traditional) toasts, limericks and trivia contests. The theme this year is "The Adventure of the Six Napoleons." A silent auction of Sherlock Holmes memorabilia will be held during the cocktail hour with the winners notified by Bill Dorn after dinner. There will also be a sales table where people can buy the Sherlock Holmes Calendar, and buy or sell other Sherlockian items.

Costume Contest

For the first time this year the dinner will include a costume contest. All guests are encouraged to come in their best Sherlockian attire. (Costumes are not

required for the dinner.)

Skit: Adventure of the Six Napoleons

This year's dinner will feature a live performance of the "Adventure of the Six Napoleons" featuring Macleish Day as Sherlock Holmes, Adrian Hart as Dr. Watson, T. David Rutherford as Inspector Lestrade, and other local actors.

Registration

Registration materials for the annual dinner are included in this issue. Please register by January 16th, 2009. Questions about registration for the dinner can be addressed to Priscilla Licht at 303-321-6269.

Donations to the Auction

If you wish to donate items to the silent auction at the annual dinner, please contact Bill Dorn by phone or e-mail at billdorn@mac.com or 303-756-1097. Bill needs to receive all donations by January 16th, 2009.

Review: *Sherlock Holmes & the Heir of Albion*

Author: Ronan Coghlan

Reviewed by: Philip K. Jones

Review: As is so with any good parody, it is written as if it is entirely serious and it takes a while for the reader to notice the delicious, dry humor buried in the narrative.

Circumstances have combined, in the Spring of 1900, to cause Watson to be away from Baker Street and Holmes recruits an innocent to replace him for a short while. This person, one Hector Wace, is introduced to other aspects of Holmes not described by the Good Doctor. Their first day clears up the matter of “The Giant Rat of Sumatra” and introduces Wace to Miss Junia Verney, the resident of 221A Baker Street, as well as to Holmes’ newest client, Professor James Moriarty. Events rapidly spiral downward from there.

The ensuing jumble involves a varying number of sinister, interesting and otherwise describable characters in a scheme that involves world domination, royal blackmail, several Very Secret Societies and the Home Secretary, not necessarily in that order. If taken seriously, the narrative is real action-packed adventure in which Holmes saves the World (and, of course,

England) from a Fate Worse than Death. If not taken seriously, it provides a number of amusing aspects, including verses set to the tune of “John Brown’s Body” praising Mrs. Hudson’s ‘Spotted Dick’ and a number of previously un-introduced associates in Holmes’ investigations.

Needless to say, Holmes is successful and the Professor is cleared of any wrong-doing, but Holmes does manage to arrange (?) for him to be sentenced to an extremely distasteful (to Moriarty) fate. Love is triumphant, at least twice, and the villains are discommoded, mostly with Extreme Prejudice, as the saying goes. Don’t pay too much attention to the action, but rather, as with Ernest Bramah’s “Kai Lung” books, savor the nuances and the contrasts. There is a definite flavor of arch satire involved in this tale, which is probably best read, as it was written, over a pot of Guinness.



Sherlock Holmes Calendar

Bill Dorn’s Sherlock Holmes Calendar for 2009 is now available. Details about ordering the calendar can be found at: www.thesherlockstore.com or purchased at the annual dinner.

Meeting of the Board of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients

The Medical Board of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients will be meeting to plan events for 2009 on February 21, 2009 at 11:15 am at Pints Pub, 221 West 13th Avenue, Denver. All are welcome to attend and participate. We need some new ideas and some helping hands!



Contributions to the Medical Bulletin are Encouraged!

If you don't submit anything to the Medical Bulletin, you are condemned to read my babble.

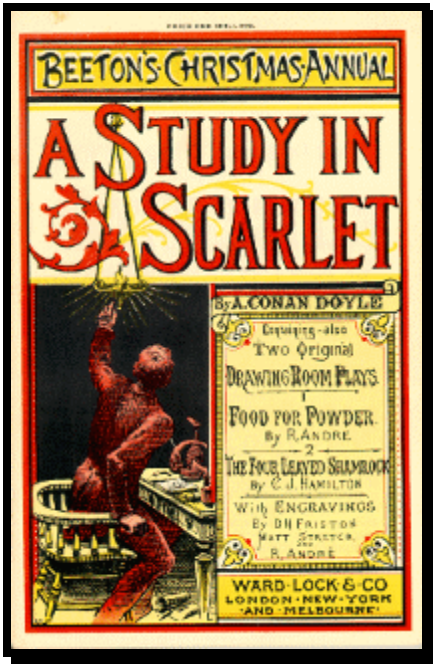
If you have an announcement, or you have created some original Sherlockian essays, jokes, limericks or cartoons which you would like to see memorialized on these pages, send them to me (Darlene Cypser) at Foolscape & Quill, LLC, P.O. Box 1018, Morrison, CO 80465 or scribe@foolscap-quill.com



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Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients Needs You!

Help us plan more fun and interesting activities for the upcoming year. Contact any Board member and/or join us at the meeting of the Board of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients on February 21, 2009 at 11:15 am at Pints Pub, 221 W. 13th Avenue Denver, Colorado

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