



# Sherlock Holmes

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"Your merits should be publicly recognized" (STUD)

## Dr. Bryce Crawford, Jr. and His Contributions to the Norwegian Explorers and the Sherlock Holmes Collections

The Sherlock Holmes Collections has recently been blessed by a gift of correspondence, clippings and other rare items from the early years of the Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota courtesy of Dr. Bryce Crawford, Jr. The collective archive now known as the Sherlock Holmes Collections has always been closely allied with the Norwegian Explorers as well as with the University of Minnesota, and Bryce has been a key player over the years in the intermingled affairs of those institutions. He was one of the group of five extraordinary gentlemen at the University who founded the Explorers in 1948 as a scion society of The Baker Street Irregulars. Former Chairman of the Department of Chemistry and former Dean of the Graduate School, Bryce is now the only surviving member of this group, which also included University Librarian E.W. "Mac" McDiarmid and Professors Theodore C. Blegen, E.W. Ziebarth and Wallace Armstrong — all of whom at various times served as department heads or deans at the University.



After having helped nurture the Norwegian Explorers through their earliest years, Bryce took his first foray into the larger Sherlockian world by attending the Baker Street Irregulars annual dinner in New York in 1953. (One of the recently received folders contains mementos and other items related to the dinner. *See 50 Years Ago in this issue.*)

Over the next few years the Norwegian Explorers undertook a project that put them on the map in the Sherlockian world: the placing of a commemorative plaque at Reichenbach Falls, near Meiringen, Switzerland — the scene of the epic battle between Sherlock Holmes and Professor Moriarty recorded in "The Final Problem." Although the project was spearheaded by Dr. Philip Hench of Rochester, and aided by travel agent Ray Moore, Bryce was a prime mover in the effort, making a reconnaissance mission to Switzerland, writing the inscription for the plaque, and co-authoring with Moore "The Final Problem — Where?" an essay relating how the exact spot for the plaque was chosen. The article was included in the Explorers' anthology *Exploring Sherlock Holmes*, edited by Blegen and McDiarmid and published by the Sumac Press of La Crosse, Wisconsin in 1957. (We'll have more to say about that article later.)

Three bits of controversy surround Bryce's involvement with the project. First is the matter of his expenses incurred while scouting an appropriate location for the plaque. Although he submitted an expense report to the Norwegian Explorers for the \$.48 cost of the funicular ride to the top of the Falls, his reimbursement was denied because of lack of sufficient documentation. Bryce still laughs heartily when reminded of this today, saying "we had a lot of fun with that over the years."

The second matter of controversy concerns the wording of the inscription on the plaque. Hench and Moore wrote to Edgar W. Smith, head of the Baker Street Irregulars, who gave his

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## YEARS AGO

In the preface to his anthology of American newspaper columnists “from Franklin...to Miss Manners” Karl E. Meyer B.S.I. (“Fritz von Waldbaum” 1977) noted that in order to make *Pundits, Poets, and Wit* a manageable size he tried to adhere to a few rules. One of the rules was eliminating columnists writing in dialect “unless redeemed by superior art, which seems to me true of Mr. Dooley...”

Who was Mr. Dooley? He was the creation of journalist Finley Peter Dunne, and a useful tool for expressing Dunne’s opinions on sociological and political events of the 1890’s through 1919. Dunne’s weekly newspaper columns were collected in a number of books, including the 1903 *Observations by Mr. Dooley*, which featured the honest Irish-American Dooley expounding on current affairs from behind the bar at his Chicago saloon. Bound in green leather with a harp on the cover, a copy of this edition in the Collections carries John Bennett Shaw’s bookplate and was included in his collection for the essay “Sherlock Holmes.”

Born on July 10, 1867, Peter Finley Dunne was the son of Irish Catholic immigrants who arrived in Chicago by way of Canada. He changed his name to Finley Peter Dunne, and started as a “copy boy and police reporter, becoming at twenty-one the city editor of *The Chicago Times*.” (Meyers, xxx) In the four-year period between 1888 and 1892, his columns enlivened the editorial pages of four different Chicago newspapers. His *Chicago Evening News* columns covering the Chicago White Stockings were widely read, and Dunne is credited with originating the term southpaw when he referred to left-handed pitchers whose throwing arm faced the south side as they pitched in the White Stockings’ stadium.

After an initial experiment with writing in dialect for cosmopolitan bartender Colonel Malachi McNeery, in October 1893 Dunne moved a new literary and satirical creation to “a tavern in Bridgeport on Archey Road in the heart of the Gaelic Sixth Ward, where Martin J. Dooley, saloonkeeper, made his debut. The shift freed Dunne to create a convincing milieu for an Irish sage better able to see that the higher a politician moved, the more his bottom showed.” (Meyer, xxx) From his position behind the bar Mr. Dooley conversed with wit and insight with his regular customers, local Irish laborers such as Hennessy and McKenna. His subjects included Chicago’s politicians, the law, immigration, women, racism, and imperialist foreign policy. While serving as editor of the *Chicago Journal*, his 1898 columns on the Spanish-American War and Dewey’s Manila Bay victory brought him national attention when reprinted in 100 newspapers. The first collection of his columns was published that year as *Mr. Dooley in Peace and War*. First editions of his books are signed “F. P. D.” as editor, not author, and that anonymity allowed him freedom to comment upon controversial topics. His column on the Supreme Court’s decisions in 1901 endorsing imperialism is still quoted today: “no matter whether th’ constitution follows th’ flag or not, th’ supreme court follows th’ illiction returns.” (*Mr. Dooley in Peace and War* was reprinted in 2001 with a new foreword by Jacques Barzun.)

He considered no subject sacred and when Theodore Roosevelt’s self-promoting book *The Rough Riders* was published in 1899, Mr. Dooley suggested it be called “Alone in Cuba.” Despite this critical analysis, the two began a friendship that didn’t stop Dunne from using Roosevelt as a frequent target. Dunne moved to New York City in 1900, becoming the associate editor of the *American Magazine* in 1906. He was one of the most prolific and outspoken anti-imperialist writers of the day and although there is no record of his joining any formal anti-imperialist organization, he was a member of his friend Mark Twain’s “Damned Human Race Luncheon Club” whose membership

was exclusively anti-imperialists.

Mr. Dooley’s wise observations are frequently quoted and include such gems as “The past always looks better than it was. It’s only pleasant because it isn’t here”, “Trust everybody, but cut the cards”, “An appeal is when you ask one court to show its contempt for another court” and “The Puritans give thanks for being preserved from the Indians, and we give thanks for being preserved from the Puritans.”

Mr. Dooley’s fans and critics note that Dunne’s parents’ generation immigrated to the United States as a matter of survival after the 1850’s Irish potato famine, and encountered a great deal of prejudice. As they tried to fit into a new culture that considered them shiftless and troublesome, they lost contact with their own Irish heritage. Eddie Donovan noted “given the unpopularity of the Irish in America during the 19th century, it would have seemed almost impossible, at a time when the newspapers were sold mainly to the upper middle classes, that a writer like Finley Peter Dunne could achieve any success in attempting to publish a weekly column based within an urban Irish-American cultural setting.” But achieve success he did, and Dooley’s humorous yet accurate social monologues made him a non-threatening Irish voice; he was able to criticize without offending and his 750 word weekly columns provided an often heroic look at the common man in his ethnic neighborhood. Dunne was a powerful force for Irish-Americans, and his columns were for many Americans their first look at that culture.

And what about the 1902 essay “Sherlock Holmes” which appeared in the 1903 anthology? It involved the terrible crime of dog thievery, a crime that “twud baffle th’ injinooty iv a Sherlock Holmes...He’s th’ Gr-reatest detective that iver was in a story book. I’ve been r-readin’ about him an’ if I was a criminal, which I wud be if I had to wurruk f’r a livin’, an’ Sherlock Holmes got afther me, I’d go sthraight to th’ station an’ give mesilf up. I’d lay th’ goods on th’ desk an’ say: ‘Sargeant, put me down in th’ hard cage. Sherlock Holmes has jus’ see a man go by in a cab with a Newfoundland dog an’ he knows I took

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## YEARS AGO

The Norwegian Explorers were founded in 1948 as a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars, garnering the official blessing of Edgar W. Smith, "Buttons" of the BSI. However, no Explorer had attended the annual dinner of the BSI in New York City until Dr. Bryce L. Crawford, Jr., co-founder of the Explorers, made the journey in January 1953. Luckily, Bryce carefully preserved his mementos surrounding the dinner and meeting, and those mementos now grace the Sherlock Holmes Collections.

Among Bryce's mementos, in a file folder labeled "BSI Jan. 9, 1953," are his dinner invitation, acknowledging "the divers scion societies" as well as the New York parent group. The bulk of the material in the folder consists of handouts given to attendees at the dinner, including Morris Rosenblum's Latin translation of the Musgrave Ritual, lyrics to Harvey Officer's "The Road to Baker Street" (sung to the tune of "The Road to Mandalay") and Svend Petersen's sample chapter and call for orders for his *Sherlock Holmes Almanac*. A sign of the times gleaned from Petersen's handout, labeled "I CLAIM URGENCY" is that Petersen needed two dollars each from 100 subscribers in order to finish his project. Another handout furnished by Petersen was a set of three papers — "The Testamentary Capacity of Sherlock Holmes," "Parallel Cases," and "The Unwritten Canon Lore" — that had been read at previous meetings of either the BSI or at Petersen's scion society, the Red Circle of Washington, D.C. Rounding out the items handed

out at the dinner is a three-page sales list and order blank labeled "SHERLOCKIANA" assembled by Edgar W. Smith. It lists Smith's Pamphlet House publications from the 'forties, such as *Letters from Baker Street* and *Baker Street Inventory*, early scion society collections such as *The Second Cab* from the Speckled Band of Boston, back issues of *The Baker Street Journal* and other items. How a modern-day collector would love to be able to order new copies of these now rare classics at the prices listed! For example, *Profile by Gaslight* at \$3.50, *A Baker Street Song Book* at \$1.50, or the BSI's edition of "The Blue Carbuncle" at \$2.50 (\$5.00 in the deluxe-boxed edition).

### THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS AND THE DIVERS SCION SOCIETIES salute their great, good, and beloved friend **MR. SHERLOCK HOLMES** on the occasion of his ninety-ninth birthday Friday, January the Ninth, Nineteen Fifty-Three at Cavanagh's Restaurant, New York City

“ ” “ ”

The Quite Epicurean Little Supper --  
The Cononical Toasts; the Anthem; the Ritual --  
The Tributes in Scholarship --  
The Challenges and Disputation in the Canon --  
The Gasogene and the Tantalus --

*All in honour of him whom we, like Dr. Watson, shall ever regard as the best and the wisest man whom we have ever known. . .*



Also included in the folder is a list of dinner attendees and Smith's minutes of the meeting, which were sent out following the event. Among the Irregular attendees listed were such Sherlockian luminaries as William S. Baring-Gould and Howard Haycraft (both with Minnesota connections), Bliss Austin, Fred Dannay (one half of the team who wrote under the name Ellery Queen), Charles Honce, Fletcher Pratt, David

Randall, Red Smith (the famed sports-writer), Rex Stout, and Julian Wolff. Bryce was listed separately with the attending members of scion societies, which also included representatives from groups in New York, Detroit, Baltimore, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. The minutes reveal that BSI founder Christopher Morley was not in attendance because he "was unable to brave the inclement elements, despite his greatly restored health and vigor." Among the scion society reports, toasts, papers, songs and other entertainment were reports on the erection of two plaques in London "to commemorate the first meeting of the Eternal Two" — one at the Criterion Bar and the other in the laboratory of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Could these reports have sown the seed for Bryce's later involvement with placing the plaque at Reichenbach Falls? (See the lead story in this issue.)

Attached to the minutes is a notice of a meeting of the Norwegian Explorers some six weeks after the New York dinner, at which Bryce gave a report on the festivities. As a memory aid Bryce added some annotations to Edgar Smith's minutes and prepared brief notes of his own. Among other things, the notes imply a tongue-in-cheek censure of Sigerson E.W. McDiarmid for questioning whether Dr. Crawford had been an *accredited* delegate from the Norwegian Explorers.

When asked recently about his recollections of the dinner, Bryce said, "Oh, I had a wonderful time. And guess who I found myself sitting with? Red Smith and Rex Stout! It was one of the great evenings of my life." Bryce added with typical understatement, "You see, I found another group of people worth talking to outside of academic circles. Sherlockians tend to be interesting people." 🍷

John Bergquist



## From the President

**T**he Annual Membership Meeting of the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections was held on August 19, 2003.

We were pleased to host members of the Norwegian Explorers as well as special visitors Fred and Sunnie Levin of Chicago, Jim Hawkins of Nashville, and Jill Fritz of San Diego. The evening began with a reception and opening of the Silent Auction and was followed by the Business Meeting. Committee reports were then given. Newsletter editor Julie McKuras indicated a current membership of 369 and invited suggestions and contributions. The Finance Committee reported the John Bennett Shaw Fund balance of \$8,398.80 and the E.W. McDiarmid Curator of the Sherlock Holmes Collections Endowment at \$44,069.98 with pledges at \$154,000. The Sigerson Society, which requires contributions or pledges of \$10,000, stands at seven memberships. The Nominating Committee presented a slate and the membership approved the Friends Board including officers: President Richard Sveum, Vice President John Bergquist, Secretary Julie McKuras and Treasurer Tim

Johnson. Members-at-large of the Board include: Lucy Brusic, Judy Ham, Mike McKuras, Pat Nelson and Steve Stilwell. One of the highlights of the evening was the opportunity to present Fred Levin with a recognition certificate for his work in contributing foreign language editions of the Canon to the Collections. We then heard from Mike McKuras who presented a Special Report about the Strategic Planning Meeting, which occurred on June 30, 2003. Curator Tim Johnson delivered his annual State of the Collections address. John Bergquist gave the keynote address, "The Not So Final Problem," and the subject of his talk, Dr. Bryce Crawford, Jr., is also featured in John's lead and 50 Years ago articles for this newsletter.

I want to thank Mike McKuras for leading and facilitating the Strategic Planning Meeting. The half-day meeting started with attendees sharing their homework. We covered questions such as: What does the best collection look like? Who are the customers for this collection? What do we see as the potential interests and reasons for involvement? What are the strengths,

weaknesses, threats and opportunities for the Collections? What do we believe are the goals for this Collections? After long and lively discussion we followed a process to arrive at a consensus Vision Statement and our top initiatives. The Sherlock Holmes Collections Vision is "To be the World Center for the Study and Appreciation of Sherlock Holmes." The Board then established workgroups to address the four initiatives: Volunteers, Funding, Growing Membership and Communication. The workgroups gave a preliminary report at the annual membership meeting and we will be featuring their work in future newsletters.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting and Board Members who worked on the Strategic Planning Meeting with special thanks to Mike McKuras. I ask all members to help us achieve the vision, through financial and material contributions, *To be the World Center for the Study and Appreciation of Sherlock Holmes.* ♥

*Richard J. Sveum, M.D., B.S.I.*



Dick Sveum and Fred Levin  
at the Aug. 19 meeting



Mary McDiarmid and  
Lucy Brusic at the  
June 30 Strategic  
Planning Meeting



John Bergquist at the  
Aug. 19 meeting



Tim Johnson and Mike McKuras  
at the Strategic Planning Meeting



## Using the Collections

**J**im Hawkins, who wrote a wonderful lead article in our Sept. 2002 issue, visited the Twin Cities to attend the annual meeting of the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections. He toured the Collections and had the chance to recall a number of stories of his old friend and mentor John Bennett Shaw. Jim is shown here with Tim Johnson and a doll bearing the visage of Mr. Shaw.



Tim Johnson and Jim Hawkins

David and Laura Merrell of Seattle WA toured the Collections in late August. David, originally a Twin Cities resident, is a member of the Sound of the Baskervilles. His father was a professor at the U. of MN, and David noted that while growing up, one of his neighbors was Mac McDiarmid.

The Murdock family took a tour of the Collections in June. Karen Murdock, a resident of Minneapolis, arranged for her parents Bob and Jean Murdock of Haverford PA to visit The Elmer L. Andersen Library.

Charles Press of East Lansing Michigan took time from a 2003 family vacation to visit The Sherlock Holmes Collections to do some research of his own into the world where it is always 1895. ♡



David and Laura Merrell



Jean, Bob and Karen Murdock

## Acquisitions

**A**rlene Kase donated the uncorrected proof copy of *Sherlock in Love* by Sena Jeter Naslund. Arlene is a new member of the Norwegian Explorers and began her volunteer work in the Collections recently.



Arlene Kase and Tim Johnson

Richard D. Lesh, B.S.I. ("The Fatal Battle of Maiwand" 1965, Two Shilling Award 1990) donated mementos from the June 7, 2003 Maiwand Jezails Conclave in Omaha, Nebraska to the Sherlock Holmes Collections. The mementos include the dinner program and menu, based on the 100th anniversary of "The

Adventure of the Creeping Man"; labels for Chateau Maiwand wine, vintage 1899 from Taliban Vineyards, and Kabul Cognac, vintage 1903, claimed to be from an illicit Taliban still; libation chits (one-pound notes bearing the likeness of Commandant Lesh); and an elegant gold-colored medal featuring Holmes in profile on the obverse and Professor Presbury in full creep on the reverse. As members of the Maiwand Jezails, Friends President Richard Sveum and Vice President John Bergquist attended the Conclave celebrating the 40th anniversary of the scion society. The newly acquired mementos join those previously donated by Commandant Lesh that commemorate the Maiwand Jezails conclaves of 1999 and 2001.

Charles Prepolec donated a copy of *Curious Incidents Volume 2: Being a Collection of the Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. Edited by J. R. Campbell and Charles Prepolec, the book contains stories by Peter Calamai, Regina Stinson, J. R. Campbell, M. J. Elliott, Valerie J. Patterson, David Cisler and James R. Stefanie, with illustrations by Philip Cornell. It can be ordered from Made for a Mystery Publications, Suite D 308, 3805 Marlborough Dr. NE, Calgary, AB, T4M 4M4, Canada for \$12 USD, which

includes shipping to the United States. Their website is [www.bakerstreetdozen.com](http://www.bakerstreetdozen.com)

Brian Pugh forwarded a copy of the booklet published to commemorate the April 14, 2001 unveiling of the statue of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in Crowborough. Mr. Pugh, who inscribed the title page, collected and edited the booklet, which includes photos illustrating the evolution of the statue as well as the ceremony marking the unveiling.

The Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center at the University of Minnesota Law Library donated a copy of their Spring 2003 newsletter *The Colophon*. This issue features an article on the December 2002 opening of the exhibit "Sherlock Holmes and the Law." For more information on that event, please refer to the December 2002 issue of this newsletter.

Sue Vizoskie sent programs from the 2000 and 2003 "Silver Blaze at Saratoga Springs Racetrack" events. Included with these was the July 2003 Film Society of Lincoln Center brochure. One of the films featured in July was the silent movie "Sherlock Holmes." ♡



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blessing to the project and suggested that the wording be "Here, on May 4, 1891, Professor James Moriarty, the Napoleon of Crime, was thrown into the abyss by Mr. Sherlock Holmes, who was, according to Dr Watson, the best and wisest Man whom I have ever known."<sup>1</sup> Hench replied to Smith, saying that the "proposed inscription was wonderful, but one of the Minnesota men wanted to try his hand at writing it."<sup>2</sup> That Minnesota man was Bryce Crawford, who tightened up the wording to read "Across this 'dreadful cauldron' occurred the *climactic* event in the career of Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest detective, when on May 4, 1891 he vanquished Prof. Moriarty the Napoleon of crime." So far, so good. But when the new proposed inscription was sent for approval to Colin Prestige of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, a co-sponsor of the project, Prestige pointed out that "the adjective climactic, while quite correct in our English usage, would have very unfortunate unEnglish connotations."<sup>3</sup> McDiarmid wrote to Moore, "Because of this we are agreed now that the word culminating should be substituted for climactic."<sup>4</sup> And so it was.

The third matter of controversy is a question of the actual authorship of the article "The Final Problem — Where?", attributed to Crawford and Moore in the 1957 anthology. Documents recently discovered among Bryce's papers now in the files of the Collections seem to indicate that Hench and McDiarmid each played major roles in developing the article as it came to be published. But this matter is "a story for which the world is not yet prepared." Perhaps we will revisit it four years from now when we look back 50 years from the vantage point of 2007.

In other activities involving the Norwegian Explorers over the years, Bryce was often the right-hand man of Mac McDiarmid, Sigerson (leader) of the group. As well as assisting with literary projects, Bryce would fill in for Mac when the latter was unable to attend Explorer functions. For example, when John Bennett Shaw came to Minneapolis in 1975 to deliver his talk "The Cult of Sherlock Holmes," Mac was recuperating from a mild heart attack. Bryce ably introduced the distinguished visiting speaker.

Shaw's talk proved the impetus for the Explorers' next major publishing project. Bryce and Joseph B. Connors, Professor of

English at the College (now University) of St. Thomas in St. Paul, were called upon to edit a collection of essays featuring a transcription of Shaw's talk as the keynote piece. The resulting book, *Cultivating Sherlock Holmes* (a play on the title of Shaw's talk), was published by the Sumac Press in 1978. In his delightful Introduction to the collection, Bryce recounts the origins and history of the Norwegian Explorers and invites readers to "define for themselves the keen, refreshing pleasure of cultivating this field of scholarship."

Bryce was proud to participate in the Explorers' first international conference in 1984, titled *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes in Minnesota*. He praises the current leadership of the Explorers for sponsoring what has become a continuing series of conferences.

The Baker Street Irregulars honored Bryce in 1985 by conferring on him the titular investiture of "The Solitary Cyclist." When asked recently if he knew why that particular case report was chosen for his investiture, Bryce replied with a chuckle "I haven't the foggiest idea. That tale is not one of my favorites."

In 1987, Pj Doyle and E.W. McDiarmid edited the collection *The Baker Street Dozen*, featuring Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's favorite Sherlock Holmes stories accompanied by an essay discussing each story. For the collection Bryce contributed "The Second Stain: The Second-Best Case of the Missing Documents." The subtitle of Bryce's essay alludes to the three similar canonical tales that all deal with missing government papers. Along with "The Second Stain," which was included in Doyle's list of favorites, two other tales that were *not* included in the list — "The Naval Treaty" and "The Bruce-Partington Plans" — also present Holmes with situations in which he is to recover highly sensitive documents. Although preferring "The Second Stain" to "The Naval Treaty," Bryce considers "The Bruce-Partington Plans" the superior tale among the three. Speaking proudly of his essay, Bryce says, "that is the finest bit of English I have ever put on paper."

In 1998, the Founders' Footprints conference marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Norwegian Explorers and paid tribute to the three then-surviving founders: McDiarmid, Ziebarth and

Crawford. During the conference a delegation from the Explorers paid a visit to the three at the condominium complex where they all were living.

Until recently, Bryce continued to attend Explorer functions as he was able. He delighted attendees at the 2001 annual dinner with his unprepared remarks, saying what a privilege it was to have been an instigator of something that had thrived for so long and that, in his estimation, had not only survived but that had gotten better over the years. And what advice does this elder statesman have for keeping up the spirit in a Sherlockian group so that it may survive for another 55 years? "The key is to keep young people involved — people as ornery and committed as you are. You see, the world keeps moving on, and it's a good thing."

A life-long lover of books and libraries, Bryce has taken a strong interest in the evolution of The Sherlock Holmes Collections. Some years ago, he suggested that the collection should be named after E.W. McDiarmid, but undoubtedly Mac was too modest to go along with the idea.

As well as having several copies of the Norwegian Explorers anthologies to which Bryce contributed among its holdings, the Collections now boasts the aforementioned archive of Bryce's papers from the early years of the Explorers. Most of these papers deal with the 1953 BSI dinner and events surrounding the placing of the plaque at Reichenbach Falls. However, the file folder labeled "Baker Street" also includes correspondence with leading Sherlockians of the day, carbon copies of letters and memos, clippings from contemporary newspaper articles, book reviews, invitations, book lists and catalogs, receipts, reports of meetings and other Norwegian Explorer events — all of which make for fascinating reading today. We are fortunate indeed to be able to add these historical items to the Collections. ♥

John Bergquist

1. A copy of Smith's suggested wording, in Bryce Crawford's hand, is now in the Sherlock Holmes Collections.

2. McKuras, Julie. "The Norwegian Explorers and the Sherlock Holmes Society of London." *The Sherlock Holmes Journal* summer 2000, p. 136.

3. Bryce Crawford's carbon copy of a typed letter, signed, from E.W. McDiarmid to Ray C. Moore, September 24, 1956, now in the Sherlock Holmes Collections.

4. *Ibid.*



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th' spoons." After explaining the crime and Holmes to his patron Hennessy, Dooley noted "But crime, Hinnissy, is a pursoot iv th' simple minded – that is, catchable crime is a pursoot iv th' simple-minded. Th' other kind, th' uncatchable kind that is took up be men iv intellect is called high fi-nance."

Finley Peter Dunne died on April 24, 1936 in New York City. He left a legacy of political satire, which some critics note survives in Gary Trudeau's syndicated comic strip *Doonesbury*. His sons also became writers, not as journalists but as screenwriters. Finley Peter Dunne, Jr. worked on the screenplays for "Magnificent Obsession" and "Imitation of Life," and Philip Dunne's screenwriting includes "The Agony and the Ecstasy," "The Egyptian," "David and Bathsheba," "Forever Amber," "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," and "How Green Was My Valley." Mr. Dooley's legacy continued down a different path. Mr. Dooley's Boston Tavern is open for business on Boston's Broad St., and Finley Dunne's Tavern serves customers on N. Lincoln Ave. in Chicago.

As Karl Meyer said in his introductory notes to the section of his book on Dunne, "Because the wrongs he addressed continue to live, so does Dooley." The same can be said of the Great Detective. ♡

Julie McKuras, A.S.H., B.S.I.

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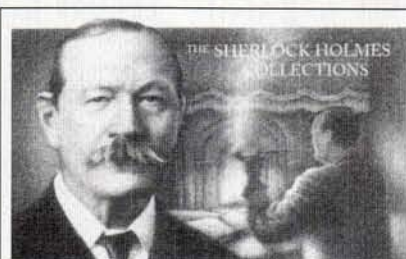
# Musings

It seems that the contents of this issue could be summed up in the old saying that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Our lead and 50 Years Ago articles bear this out. Both pieces, written by John Bergquist, focus on Bryce Crawford who began his contributions to the Sherlockian world in 1948 and continues to do so today with his donation to the Collections. Our 100 Years Ago essay on Finley Peter Dunne views a journalist's contribution to satire in general, and Holmes in particular.

To paraphrase Garrison Keillor, it's been a busy summer here at the Sherlock Holmes Collections. We were privileged to host a table at the Midwest Bookhunters Fair in July, and our thanks go to Larry Dingman for arranging the event. Dick Sveum covers our strategic planning session and our annual Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections meetings. Tim Johnson has been busy and his efforts to highlight the Collections are covered in his column. One highlight was Tim's presentation about the Collections at the Minnesota State Fair. Tours have been taken and assistance given with research requests.

Please take a moment to review those mentioned in the Remembrances portion of the newsletter. We have lost a number of wonderful Sherlockians in a very short period of time and will miss them, as well as continuing to remember those who have been gone for some time. Thank you to all of those who chose to donate to the Collections in memory of those special people (and one special restaurant), and to those who donated in honor of special friends. ♡

Julie McKuras, A.S.H., B.S.I.



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Tim Johnson at the State Fair

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Sherlock Holmes Collections display at the Midwest Bookhunters Bookfair



## An Update from the Collections

**O**n August 19th I reported on the state of the collections at our annual Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections meeting. We are in very good shape, although there are a few areas of concern. Here, in summary, is what happened this last year:

- We acquired the next installment of David Hammer's collection
- We successfully switched to a new automated cataloging system
- We made presentations and exhibits about Holmes at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, the Friends of the Library, and the Law Library (Sherlock Holmes and the Law)
- We examined and worked on fundraising and other development tasks with Judy Ham from the Libraries' Development Office and

Kirsten Johnson from the University of Minnesota Foundation

- We completed the Hubbs Family gift goal of cataloging books and periodicals
- We said goodbye to Library assistant Beth Bogle
- We participated in an organizational restructuring
- We inventoried the papers of Howard Haycraft, Jack Key, and Vincent Starrett thanks to the volunteer efforts of Lucy Brusic
- We planned for our upcoming 2004 conference
- We welcomed researchers, including Paul Martin and Bill Serow
- We continued acquiring materials for the collections
- We appeared at the Minnesota State Fair to promote the Holmes Collections

Looking ahead, what will be of interest? We will:

- Continue planning for the conference and accompanying exhibit
- Focus our development work, especially as it relates to staffing
- Recruit and train additional volunteers
- Expand the content of our web site
- Teach in the University of Minnesota's Compleat Scholar Program

It has been a good year. Thank you for your support! ♥

*Tim Johnson*

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