

New Members.

Burke, John F; Brown, Police Constable F. C.; Chadwick, Kenneth; Miller, J. T. Pte S/10692043; Norton, Alden P. (Honorary); and Williams, Arthur F.

These additions bring the total membership up to 60. It would have been 61, but we have to announce the loss of one of our members. On the 23rd of November J. E. Rennison resigned from the Society. He was Member No 2., being the first to join when the Society was formed by JMR.

Alden P. Norton

It has been suggested by several members that we ought to honour this most worthy Editor in some way as an acknowledgment of his generosity to British fandom, the only feasible way being to make him an Honorary Member. This we have done, and the following letter is being sent to Mr Norton.

"As a token of the gratitude felt by British fandom for your really notable generosity in providing a number of representative British fans with free copies of ASTONISHING STORIES and SUPER SCIENCE STORIES it has been decided to make you an Honorary Member of the above Society. We trust that you will accept this humble testament of our esteem. Small honour though it be, it is the only one in our power to offer you.

We enclose your Membership Card and a copy of our Prospectus setting out the functions and aspirations of our Society.

With the most sincere wishes for your happiness and prosperity during the coming year."

Bibliography.

This idea, whose suggestion by Edwin MacDonald was announced in the last Bulletin, has aroused considerable interest and enthusiasm. Our Director, Michael Rosenblum, makes the following comment and request:-

"Most BFS members are probably unaware that data for such a production has been collected for several years by messrs Bert Lewis, H. G. Medhurst, and myself, though we had decided to defer any attempt at publication until the end of the war. In view of the interest aroused and of the help that members of the Society may be able to give, I would be pleased to hear from anyone who can assist to the extent of giving all or part of the following data about any fantasy work. Author, title, whether science-fiction (S), fantasy (F), weird (W), or occult (O), publisher, date of first edition (if known), synopsis, and if possible a brief review. Please list such volumes in alphabetical order of the author's name, starting each new letter on a fresh sheet of paper, and send in to myself or DR8 as soon as possible (within reason of course)."

I think we can assume that JMR and his colleagues - all notable collectors of this type of fiction - have all the data they require on such authors as Wells, Verne, Poe, and other such well-known writers. In case of doubt, though, take it that they have never heard of the particular work which you are considering. Wheel 'em in!

Correspondence Exchange.

Anyone in search of correspondents should write to the Director, J. Michael Rosenblum, who will try to arrange for suitable contacts.

Advisory Board Election.

The interest shown in this cannot be described as notable. Votes were received from Syd Beach, Jack Banks, Julian Parr, Maurice Hanson, Peter Knott, and B. H. Edwards, it being decided by the Executive Committee not to allow the votes of the candidates themselves. To make matters worse I had blundered in including Sid Birchby amongst the candidates, as he is not a member of the Society, and finally there is the resignation from the Society of J. M. Hennison - who, incidentally, was alone in scoring 100 per cent full votes.

I suggest that all the remaining six candidates be elected, and that the Advisory Board be composed of W. R. Gibson, Donald Houston, Terence Overton, R. Silburn, and Dennis Tucker, with Edwin MacDonald, who had a lead of one in the voting, as Coordinator, their term of duty to expire on June 30th. 1943 with that of the Executive Committee, when we may hope to hold a more satisfactory election. If any member wishes to raise an objection to this arrangement will he please do so before January 23rd. When, in the case of no objection being received, the A. B. may be launched on its brief trial voyage.

Forces Chain.

After further consideration it has been decided to open this to all BFS members desiring to participate in the circulation of near-current U.S. magazines. The member in charge is Kenneth Chadwick, of 45 Salisbury Road, Leeds 12, and applications may be addressed either to him or to JMR. The cost to each member will be one-way postage only, the chief liability that of passing on the magazine within a reasonable time (days - not weeks) and of not damaging the magazine more than can be avoided with reasonable care. A service of one magazine a week will be attempted until it is seen how the scheme is working, with the prospect of further chains being started if the one becomes overloaded.

Science Discussions Group.

There must be a number of our members who are very much interested in scientific developments, and it is suggested that these may like to form a discussion group amongst themselves. The chain-letter principle would enable such a discussion to take place, the chain being initiated by the leader of the group who proposes a topic to which each in turn adds his remarks or additional information. As the chain goes round on its second circuit each member would remove and file his own previous remarks, making notes as desired of the opinions and information contributed by the others. Possibly two or more chains could be simultaneously circulated to prevent too much delay between each, one on astronautics and one on the possibilities of atomic power for example.

The advantages are obvious. If ten people are involved, then each can gather the opinions of all the others by writing one letter instead of ten. Moreover ten persons together are much more likely to sift out odd tit-bits of information than one person alone, and there is, above all, the great advantage to be gained from argument of finding out thus the limitations of one's knowledge.

Will those interested please communicate with the Secretary (i.e. me) in the first place, mentioning whether they are prepared to undertake the task of initiating and supervising the discussions, and if so mentioning if they have any qualifications particularly fitting them for the task.

Midland Convention.

This idea is taking real hold, and it looks as though it will be attended by more than Midlanders alone. Roy Johnson has formed a committee on the subject and is trying to get the questions of where and when and how settled as soon as possible, how far he has gone he will possibly announce himself in his own sheet "Mite". Certainly if he pulls it off, and it certainly looks most promising at the moment, he and his colleagues will deserve something more than a pat on the back.

Financial Report.

It being six months since the formation of the B.F.S. we thought it as well to let you know what we are doing with the subscriptions - or rather, entrance fees, which we have collected off you.

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Members Subscriptions ... £3 " 6 -0.	6 stencils..... 3. 3d
	100 Membership Cards 9.10d.
	Notepaper for use of Secretary..... 3. 3d
	Total... <u>16. 4d.</u>
Cash in hand. £2. 3. 8d.	

The purchase of the Official Notepaper was made by Mr Rosenblum, who is running this as a separate account, the cost being too great a burden for the Society finances to have met themselves. So far he has sold 1000 sheets of octavo paper at 1/6d per hundred sheets and 600 sheets of quarto at 1/9d per hundred sheets, a total income of £1. 5. 6d.

Librarian.

We regret to have to say that this position is, as yet, not filled. No volunteers have come forwards and so far the various possibilities whom we have tried have been unable to oblige. It is most unfortunate.

List of members.

Before commencing this I have to announce that another new member has joined us - Walter M. Gillings!

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The addresses as given above are accurate only within the limits of my present information. The bracketed numbers are, of course, the Membership Numbers of each.

And that is as much as there is room for, in spite of the increased size of this Bulletin over the previous issues. Happy New Year (we hope)!

D. R. Smith,
(Secretary).