

*A Message
from Mr. Meyers
February 2009*

It is with a heavy heart that I approach the keyboard to write these perhaps incoherent and assuredly inadequate words. As you will certainly have learned from the *Journal de Genève*, or from the more detailed account of the Reuters despatch in the English language press, Mr. Sherlock Holmes is reported missing, presumed perished, in Switzerland.

In light of this horrifying intelligence, there were those among the Directors of The Bootmakers of Toronto who wondered whether it would be appropriate to continue with our plan to meet later this month, since past gatherings for staid, sombre and contemplative scholarship have been known to degenerate into evenings of imaginative and lively merriment, enlivened by witty quizzes, rollicking musical entertainment and delectable refreshments.

Surely, however, it would be even more inappropriate to miss this occasion not just to mourn the loss of Mr. Holmes, but to celebrate the life of this best and wisest of men.

Accordingly, Mr. Meyers invites you to join him at 6:30 (for 7) in the Beeton Auditorium of the Toronto Reference Library on the evening of Saturday, 28th February, to salute the memory of Sherlock Holmes, and to consider his remarkable career from the first case recorded by his biographer to what is, tragically,—

“The Final Problem.”



A sketch of the events for the evening

- ◆ Hartley Nathan M.Bt. BSI will take us back to the beginning with, “A Study in Scarlet: Where The Police Failed, Sherlock Holmes Succeeded”.
- ◆ Doug Wrigglesworth M.Bt. BSI will take us to the end, with an engaging and provocative introduction to “The Final Problem.”
- ◆ We will welcome from the Swiss Club of Toronto a special visitor who is originally from the Berner Oberland area of Switzerland, where Mr. Holmes was last seen.
- ◆ Edwin Van der Flaes M.Bt. BSI will share with us “Memories of Meiringen” and recount a climb up the Reichenbach.
- ◆ Other Sherlockians who have made the pilgrimage to Meiringen are invited to share their souvenirs and memories in a special Show ‘n’ Tell. Please bring them!
- ◆ Peggy Perdue M.Bt. will tantalize us with more selected treasures from the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection.
- ◆ Barbara Rusch M.Bt. BSI and Donny Zaldin M.Bt. will challenge us with a death-defying quiz on “The Final Problem”. First and second place winners will not be required to walk across the Reichenbach on a tightrope. Finishing in third place is not recommended.
- ◆ Craig Brtnik M.Bt. and Karen Campbell M.Bt. will entertain us with their inimitable music apposite to the occasion.
- ◆and, of course, Mrs. Hudson (Susan McInnes M.Bt.) will invite you to her table for refreshments both imbibable and comestible.

**RSVP: Mr. Meyers
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Reserve now for \$10 payable to The Bootmakers of Toronto,
that Mrs. Hudson might adequately lay her table,

OR reserve by email at bootprint@cogeco.ca and pay the \$10 at the door
— **OR** be prepared to pay \$12 at the door.

(Dress is casual, but black armbands would not be inappropriate.)

PLEASE RESPOND BY 25 FEBRUARY THAT MRS HUDSON MAY PLAN APPROPRIATELY.

Enclosed is the sum of \$_____ (\$10 per person).

Names of those attending:

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