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Happy Autumn from your friends at THE BAKER STREET JOURNAL. The Autumn 2004 issue is in the mail; many of you have already received it.

We had a fair degree of success with our Summer newsletter as we released it in PDF format. The banner has taken on a new look, with a new name for the newsletter, based on our familiar logo from the cover of our venerable quarterly. If you are having difficulties reading this document as an attachment to email, it is also available online by [clicking here](#). Adobe Reader is required to view this document.

There are some exciting improvements to cover in this newsletter, as well as a briefing of what you'll see in this issue. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

IN THIS ISSUE

The featured article for Autumn 2004 online is "[WHAT DO WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT SHERLOCK HOLMES AND DR. WATSON](#)" by Les Klinger. As you may know, Les has edited the *New Annotated Sherlock Holmes* (pub: W.W. Norton) and Les is the editor of the ongoing *Sherlock Holmes Reference Library* (pub: Gasogene Books), both of which have given Les an encyclopedic knowledge of the Canon and of Sherlockian scholarship. He puts that knowledge to good use in this

article, a more refined version of his talk at "A River Runs by It: Holmes and Doyle in Minnesota" earlier this year.

The print version arriving on your doorstep contains even more. Bill Hyder, as erudite as ever, discusses how Holmes handled being present in an absent from 221B. David Richardson makes an identification of St. Monica's from "A Scandal in Bohemia." We have two stage connections, as Paul Singleton describes John Wood as a definitive Holmes, while Barbara Roisman Cooper has us stroll down *Baker Street* (the musical) with Jerome Coopersmith. Gideon Hill takes us

to Baden-Baden to enjoy the spas; Chris Roden brings us news from "A River Runs by It" in Minnesota. And you knew it wouldn't take long: we have a Harry Potter tie-in as Charles Meyer deduces that Holmes is a wizard.

And of course our regular features are there as well: the Commonplace Book; *Art in the Blood*; Baker Street Inventory; and the wistful "Stand with me here upon the terrace..."

Read the Editor's Gas-Lamp and the full table of contents [online](#) and order some of our fine publications while you're there!

As always, thank you for your support. Feel free to pass this newsletter on to anyone who might like it.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION TIERS

New for 2005, we are proud to announce that there are now **two** options for subscribing to the JOURNAL:

- Subscription only: \$24.95 for U.S., \$27.50 elsewhere;
- **Subscription plus Christmas Annual: \$34.95 for U.S., \$38.50 elsewhere.**

You may still order the Christmas Annual separately for \$11.00 U.S./\$12.00 elsewhere; by ordering the Annual with your subscription, you'll save, and you'll rest peacefully, knowing that an Annual will automatically be sent to you in December when it is published.

On our web site, select your subscription option – with or without Christmas Annual – or choose whether or not you would like it automatically renewed each year. Details on our Commerce & Automated Renewals pages.

This tier is in effect for the 2005 Christmas Annual and subscription year. Please see below for the 2004 Christmas Annual.

GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS SPECIAL OFFER

In the last issue, we asked you to consider making a gift subscription to a library. Now we're putting our money where our mouth is. If you give a gift subscription to a library **before November 15, 2004**, we'll give you a **FREE Christmas Annual!** When you place your order either online or through the post, just use the code FREEX04.

You can make a gift through the mail or online at [our website](#). Downloadable subscription forms are available online by [clicking here](#).

One note: please check with your local library to verify if they need and if they would like a subscription.

WEB UPDATES

As always, we are looking for ways to improve our humble web site. Recently, the following changes have been instituted:

- New purchasing choices on the Commerce and Auto-Renewal pages for a subscription with or without a Christmas Annual;
- This newsletter is available on the [What's New](#) page in PDF format;
- The Christmas Annual is available for sale online.

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the web site, please email us:

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THE 2004 CHRISTMAS ANNUAL

The 2004 Christmas Annual is now on sale! This series of Annuals has mostly, since its resurrection in 1999, dealt with specific issues in Sherlockian history. This year we continue mining that vein. *Dubious and Questionable Memories: A History of the Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes* by Susan Rice, ASH, BSI ("Beeswing") will contain contributions by a number of ASH members. There will also be photographs and other illustrations from this remarkable Sherlockian society. This delightful work of Rice's should clear up old mysteries and, with luck, create a few new ones. The price remains \$11.00 for U.S. orders, \$12 for international orders. Advance orders can be sent to The Baker Street Journal, PO Box 465, Hanover, PA 17331 or from our website:

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