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Dear Friars,

You will be aware that since the beginning of our Autumn '77 publishing programme we have been subjected to the most horrendous production delays. These have been mainly caused by a series of destructive industrial disputes involving our suppliers, with the result that -- for instance -- TIGER TIM'S OWN, scheduled for High Summer, has had to be translated to pre-Christmas publication!

But this is only one of a score of examples. Everything has been running outrageously late, and we have had to spend a disproportionate amount of time simply on progress-chasing, averting even greater calamities -- and in writing reassuring (but time-consuming) notes in reply to hundreds of justifiably anxious customers.

As a result we have to announce -- very, very regretfully indeed -- that for the first time ever we have been unable to produce our customary Christmas Gazette. We have instead had to put the time to another use, in trying to make sure (by urgent re-arrangements) that such unparalleled holdups do not occur again.


However, we have to note that such aspirations, these days, are frequently vain, and in this connection we ask Friars to take down their breviaries and re-read the more than ever apposite 'Lesson For the Day' printed in the Christmas Gazette issue of 1976 (No. 21) exactly one year ago.

It only remains to assure all Friars that we continue to hold your interests in high regard -- and to take the opportunity to wish you all

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and, hopefully, a happier 1978, with the fervent wish that our embattled and beleaguered nation will overcome the difficulties brought about by this senseless internecine industrial strife, sooner rather than later, and that at least a modicum of dependability and regard for 'good service' will once again come into vogue.

Your sincere friend and publisher,



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