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Threepence, Post Free

The Printer to the Reader

AT the request of several readers, who have suggested a four-page leaflet (until better times) would help us to keep in touch, we are issuing CM in this slender form. Reason for this old type is that our usual type is all set up in a booklet we are printing about E. Lloyd's penny dreadfuls. Mr Medcraft is author. Free copies (when ready) to subscribers.

Newsy Pars, Please !

We have decided to omit articles from CM so long as we have to keep to this size. Our aim now is to ensure that collectors don't lose touch with us and one another. We will print newsy notes only, and readers' notices on back page. News paragraphs always welcome.

An article, 'The End of the JUVENILE DRAMA,' appeared in Picture Post, March 25, 1944. Well illustrated, the article, by

Anne Scott-James, included a picture of Miss Pollock. Typical Picture Post caption reads: 'Miss Pollock has only a few prints left. Down in Hoxton there's a rush to snap them up. Plain sheets still cost a penny, but the coloured prints have reached a new high at threepence.'

Wants Circusiana

Mr David C. Adams, 551 Towne Avenue, Los Angeles, California, USA, collects CIRCUSIANA and always is willing to buy items new to his collection. If you have anything, write.

Optimist Mr W. R. Anderson, Devonian, Withdean, London Road, Brighton 6, is our newest lifer. W. R. A.'s interest is TOY THEATRE, and will be pleased to hear from CM readers.

News from Australia

Mr Leon Stone, Elgin Street, Gordon, NSW, Australia, is collecting material for the AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY OF A.J., which is on the same line as Edwin Hadley Smith's American Library. Full particulars in Koolinda No. 1, free from Leon at above address.

Mr Victor L. Neighbours, 304 North State Street, Litchfield, USA, tells us he has collected a set (60 volumes) of Rider

Haggard's novels. Victor says friend Mr John Medcraft's help was invaluable.

Another collector of CIRCUSIANA is Mr A. L. Chumley, 1502 Duncan Avenue, Chattanooga 4, Tennessee. Please report.

Mr T. W. Figley (c/o U. G. Figley, Bryan, Ohio, Route 1) wants 'The Slave Dealer's Revenge,' 'The Naval Cadets,' 'Harkaway the Third,' 'Jack Harkaway on the Prairie' to complete his collection. If you can help him, write direct please.

Mr Henry Steele writes: "I very much regret that we have lost three of our circle, Alf E. Rick, F. W. Stickland, and Walter Dexter. Alf Rick was a song writer, and was famous, years ago, for 'Obadiah, Swing Me Higher'; Walter Dexter was editor of 'The Dickensian.' May their souls rest in peace."

The outstanding item (to readers of this circular) in Catalogue No. 239, just issued by THOMAS THORP (19 Berkeley Street, London, W1) undoubtedly will be three nineteenth century peepshows: two at £8 10s each, and the other one £5. For a series of pamphlets relating to "Mary Toft, of Godalming, in Surrey, who was delivered of several rabbits" (1709-27) Mr Thorp is asking £12 10s.

Readers' Notices : One Penny a Word

Always Wanted.—All classes of penny dreadfuls and bloods issued between 1836 and 1910; many for sale and exchange. Single items to complete collections bought, good prices paid.—J. Medcraft, 64 Woodlands Road, Ilford, Essex.

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Early Magnets, Gems, Plucks wanted; also other books.—Shaw, 6 Colney Hatch Lane, London N10.

Clean razor-blade wrappers, exchange or buy.—Cassel, Pantglass, Garn Dolbenmaen, North Wales.

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