

April 12th, 1952

ROSE LAWN,
KINGSGATE-ON-SEA,
BROADSTAIRS,
KENT.

Dear Chapman,

Thank you for your letter. I enjoyed the BB. series on TV. immensely. Especially Gerald Campion seemed to me born for his part. There was a spot in No. 5 that struck me rather uncomfortably: but we mustn't expect perfection in an imperfect universe. The fees were on a very generous scale: and had they all come my way, I should be rolling--temporarily--in lucre: but mine were not the only fingers in the pie: however, my whack was very satisfactory, and paid for the TV. set with something over for haccy. The whole episode has been very exhilarating, and I shall have a grateful recollection of that charming young lady, Miss Harington, if I live another eighty years, and then some! Some newspapers have been suggesting that D'Arcy should follow Bunter on the TV. screen, which seems to me quite a bright idea:

I hear that you are going to do the covers for my new "Tom Merry" series: there was some mention of it in

the C.D. I hope it is correct. And I am very interewted to hear that/ you may be meeting Down at the Old Boys Club in Brum at the end of the month. What a lucky beggar you are to be able to trot about like this. The Birmingham old boys seem a very pleasant crowd, and I have no doubt that you will have a good time.

Yes, the winter has been tough: but as the poet has remarked, if winter comes, can spring be far behind? The sun has reappeared, and, as Shakepsare very nearly said:

Now is thw winter of our discontent,
Made glorious summer by this sun in Kent.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Richards