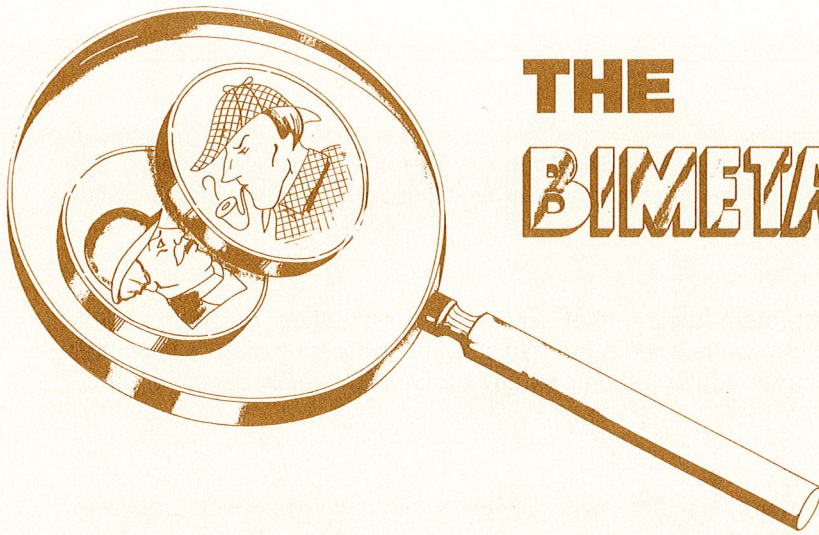


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# THE BIMETALLIC QUESTION

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The next meeting of the **BIMETALLIC QUESTION** will held be on **Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the at the Westmount Library (Westmount Room), 4574 Sherbrooke Street West, Montréal, Québec.** PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO PARKING SIGNS!!!

REMINDER  
PLEASE FORWARD YOUR 2000 ANNUAL  
DUES (\$18.00) TO WILFRID DE FREITAS  
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The **NEXT QUIZ** will be prepared by Rachel Alkallay based on **THE ADVENTURE OF THE GREEK INTERPRETER.**

**MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of the **BIMETALLIC QUESTION** held on Tuesday, February 2, 2000 at the **Westmount Library (Westmount Library), 4574 Sherbrooke Street West, Montréal, Québec.**

**Present:** Richard Aboud, Stanley Baker, Patrick Campbell, David Dowse, Mary Finnegan, Jesse Gryn, Charles Purdon, Peter Reiner, Carole Rocklin, Sandy Tabori, Nancy Walkling, Linda Watson, Heather Wileman-Brown, Karin Winkler  
**Apologies:** Rachel Alkallay, Claude Campbell  
**Guests:** Dorothy Ormsby

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order to 6:50 p.m. and our Sovereign, David Dowse, welcomed guests and members alike and read an unlikely poem from the *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*; all about a dog (hot) in the night.

## SHOW/TELL

David passed around a set of photographs (taken by Susan de Freitas) of the banquet, and copies may be purchased if desired. There was a spirited discussion on the banquet which everybody seemed to have enjoyed: good food, great speaker and lots of fun.

Peter Reiner has been watching "Holmes in the 22nd Century" on television, and will tape an episode to use if we have an evening of films. Several members have heard of the new film, "Topsy Turvy," all about Gilbert and Sullivan, but no one has seen it.

Nancy Walkling brought a book, *Baker Street to Binary*, concerning computers and Sherlock Holmes. She is also considering a music hall evening with the help of Colin Semel. Heather Wileman-Brown had a nice colouring book on women's costumes, including Victorian and Edwardian examples. Karin Winkler had a book of Conan Doyle stories (signed by ACD). It includes six of Doyle's lesser known, non-Sherlockian books of adventure and life in the medical profession. Someone brought in a lovely book from Japan, *The Art of Holmes*; superb watercolour illustrations.

VENATIO ADEST



David had a street sign of Baker Street, and a book of matches from **Sherlock's** in Toronto. He also had a brochure of the London Society's Sherlockian cruise through the Baltic provinces. Cost is about \$4,000 plus your trans-Atlantic fare. [I suggest we all book early to get the best cabins!]

### **QUIZ**

Carole Rocklin said she didn't like "The Greek Interpreter" story, so that led to some very different opinions of the story. Some liked it, some did not - but all agreed that we learned more background on Holmes than in any other story and in it we are introduced to Mycroft. A discussion followed on how doctors decide exactly when someone is dead.

### **COLLOQUIUM**

David asked Patrick to say a few words on the Colloquium, and there was a review of the various speakers who have agreed to come, which include (Dayna McCausland (the current "Meyers"), both the Redmonds, Cameron Hollyer, George Vanderburgh, Peter Calamai, and, almost certainly Graeme Decarie.

A list was made of those who intended to come, and we listed 7 Resident Patients, 2 Day Scholars, and we already have 9 speakers. Mary and Linda paid up on the spot, and everyone will get a brochure in our next mailing. **Book before February 29 to get the 10% reduction.** Linda Watson volunteered to work at the reception table on the Friday afternoon.

THE COLLOQUIUM IS THE MAJOR EVENT OF THE YEAR, SO PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ATTEND AND BRING AS MANY GUESTS AS YOU CAN. WE NEED AT LEAST 50 PARTICIPANTS TO SIGN UP TO REACH THE **BREAK-EVEN** MARK.

### **VARIA**

Charles Purdon enquired and found that the fireplace is not available, as it has to be out for 2-3 hours before we are out, so the fireplace is out. The problem of parking was brought up. Stanley Baker said that the parking meters have to be fed **up to 9:00 p.m.** There are free parking spaces along Sherbrooke and more along Melville (first street east of the library). Some parking is for Westmount residents only so be very careful (tickets are \$40.00).

The Society Archives of books, audio and videotapes are not yet available; we are hoping the Library can store them and make them available to members.

Jesse Gryn apologized for missing the banquet; he was competing in a judo competition and he won a third place. Jesse is a brown belt, and he demonstrated a hip throw on Stanley.

Richard Aboud asked if it was time to pay our 2000 dues, which David set at \$18.00, and so Richard, Heather, Charles and Patrick paid up. Other members are reminded to do likewise.

The usual toasts were called by David, as we have had trouble finding volunteers to deliver them. Any volunteers should contact David.

The evening ended with a spirited reading of the last scene of Act IV of "Tides of the Wight." In case you didn't keep track, the play was read completely over 10 meetings, starting in October 1997 and took 3.75 hours. Act I was also read by the Hudson Players and at Lindsay Place High School.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Campbell/CAC