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February 8th., 1938.

MEMO MR. HARKER.

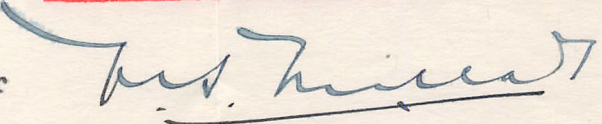
You will be very interested to know that the figures for January were up by 24% above those for the corresponding period last year.

This was due to the united efforts of the staff - and your personal efforts as much as any - so that you have well merited a word of thanks.

Now, let's see what can we do to February figures!

WM. BEDFORD LIMITED,

Per

  
SECRETARY.

V.G.MILLAR/A.A.

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19th July 1949.

J. A. Harker, Esq., F.B.S.C.  
9 Grange Street,  
Mont. Albert, E.10.  
Victoria,  
Australia.

Dear Mr. Harker,

According to my records the date of your election to Membership of this Society and the Fees paid by you on that occasion covered your Annual Subscription to the 31st December 1948. This was accounted for by the fact that when a Member is elected near to the close of the Financial Year only half the Annual Subscription is due for the year, in your case you paid the full amount of the Annual Subscription and in consequence half of this was carried forward to your credit for the ensuing year.

So that I may put my records in order, I should be extremely obliged if you will send to me at your early convenience the balance of your Subscription for the year ended 30th June 1949 which will be half the Annual rate which is Fellows £1-11-6 Associates £1-1-0.

As Annual Subscriptions for the year 1949-50 were due on the 1st July, perhaps you may find it convenient to forward a remittance covering you until the 30th June 1950.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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13th May 1954.

Mr. J. A. Harker,  
9 Grange Road,  
MONT ALBERT. E.10. VICTORIA.

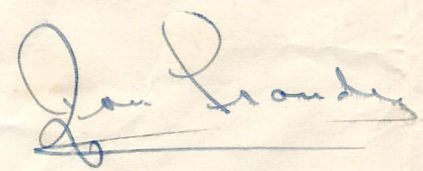
Dear Mr. Harker,

I am enclosing Balance Sheet  
for the year ended 31st December 1953 as  
you requested.

The figure showing the amount  
of Bad Debts Provision has been excluded  
as you advised.

If you notice any omissions  
or errors, I would be pleased if you would  
contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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New South Wales

13 Jasmine Street,  
Bowral. N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Harker,

Thank you much for  
paying the royalty money in my  
Company's account. Proves that the  
above phrase is sometimes inaccurate.

Personal well wishes and Festive  
Greetings,

Sincerely,



WILLIAM DENSMANN LTD.  
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Ans'd.....

Telephone: 169

"Albemarle"

3 Jasmine Street

Bowral. N.S.W.

31st March, 1960.



Dear Mr. Harker,

Thank you for the cheque, or rather for paying the cheque into the account, although the amount of the cheque does not effect in any way the latter part of the above moan.

Anyway, I think you meant well when you wrote of your great pleasure in paying up on behalf of Heinemann. Now had you forgotten about that hundred quid I might have had less reason for the moan...but, no! Without the moan I wouldn't be happy.

Kindly remember us to everyone down there, and believe me that I am regretful of not having met a promise about the famous, or notorious, moan.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Ps. Next time please sign with your Christian name.

Telephone: 169

"Albemarle"

3 Jasmine Street

Bowral. N.S.W.

19th July, 1960.

Mr. J. Harker,  
William Heinemann Ltd.,  
317 Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Mr. Harker,

It wasn't you who delayed the statement.

You know, an author's life is filled with adventure. Come June 30, and my Company is bankrupt because the London Office delayed and delayed their statement as from April 30. If I put it in a book no one would believe it. On the day your statement arrived here the London statement came in, and another transfer of dough arrived from the U.S.

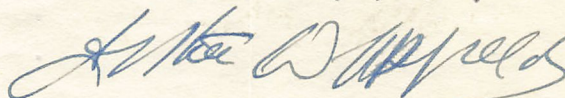
Money! Money all over the place. We are going up to Sydney to buy things at the end of this month, and then when the next half-yearly statements are due we shall be running around with our tongues hanging...broke again.

Your statement is clear enough to me. Over the financial year, your Office had done well with the Bony Books.

Shall hope to see you about October.

All the best,

Sincerely yours,



Telephone: 169

"Albemarle"

3 Jasmine Street

Bowral. N.S.W.

21st March 1961.

Mr. Jack Harker,  
William Heinemann Ltd.,  
Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE. Vic.



Dear Mr. Harker,

The pleasure also is mine to receive the Statement and notice of the cheque being sent to the bank. The money will come in handy when I meet an engagement at the Cascade Brewery, Tasmania, next month, my N.Y. publishers having suggested that Bony being given an assignment in that State.

I would be most unhappy were I parted from my Moan: so I will take it with me.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Telephone: 169

"Albemarle"

3 Jasmine Street

Bowral. N. S. W.

14th November, 1961.

Mr. Jack Harker,  
William Heihemann Ltd.,  
Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE, Vic.

Dear Jack,

The stop heading stands, and thus my thanks are due for the dough you have banked in my company account. Enclosed is the receipt.

We both had a good time in Melbourne, with plenty to keep us occupied, and it was good to meet you all.

So you are building a house! We built one at Bermagui. Found it great fun, with spasms of frustration, to see grow a house we planned. We make mistakes, of course, the main one being that each of the two front rooms would have been much better proportioned had we made the front six feet longer. Lived in a cold summer camp whilst the job was done..

Thank you for your invitation to visit you when next in Melbourne. My Jessica likes looking into new houses, and as I am having itchy feet it could be that we'll sell out here and bide awhile in the north of Tasmania. I might pick up some ideas should we build again.

Meanwhile all the best,

Sincerely,





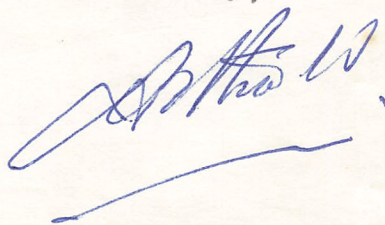
Jasmine Street,  
Bowral, N.S.W.  
6th July, 1962.

Dear Jack,

We have both been very sick for several weeks, and to-day I have been trying to apply my mighty intellect to the job of finding out from whom a cheque was received and banked. Thus I have come across your last statement with the receipt form still attached, and now enclose it and hope the delay did cause you inconvenience.

What with that rush trip to Melbourne for the wedding and then this illness 'things is crook'. Remember us to everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arthur W.', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

3 Jasmine Street,  
Bowral, N.S.W.  
19th September, 1962.

Mr. J. Harker,  
William Heinemann Ltd.,  
Box 203 C., G.P.O.,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Jack,

How I came to miss returning this receipt is due, I think, to my state of mine. The doctor called the other evening and I asked him were I suffering from senility. He chuckled and replied I was suffering absent mindedness which was due to his drugs.

I have been under his supervision for some six weeks now, the first three spent in bed. He says he can guarantee to me going till I'm a hundred, and I told him I'd shoot him on my hundredth birthday.

In general health Jessica is keeping well and cheerful. However, the doctors give no hope of full mental recovery. Quite a tragedy, for in one way she was a good critic and most helpful in my work.

You should now be settled in your new home, and able to appreciate it.

The best from us both,

Sincerely,

*Arthur W*

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24 SEP 1962  
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3 Jasmine Street,  
Bowral, N.S.W.,

12th October, 1962.

William Heinemann Ltd.,  
Box 203 C, G.P.O.,  
Melbourne, C.I.

Mr. J Harker,



Dear Jack,

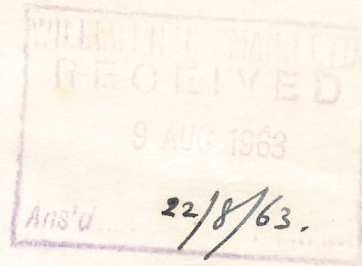
Thanks for the statement and cheque the amount of which is down to base but still leave hope for the future. However, the number of books sold of the older titles is gratifying.

We are proceeding slowly to better health and hope to undertake the journey to Melbourne before Christmas. Thus look forward to seeing you and your wife during the visit. Please don't count on it.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Jasmine Street,  
Bowral,  
7th August, 1963.



Dear Jack,

A line or two to explain the lateness of this receipt.

I have just got home following several weeks in a Nursing home after the hospital tie in. As my poor Jessica has to stay at a Rest Home, I am living alone and not much liking it. Am picking up a bit but still much under weight.

As the Rest Home is only a few streets away I can have Jessica home for a few hours every other afternoon so that we can still cling together. Poor girl she'll never get better but slowly worse with the time.

Haven't written anything since last January so no new book after Madman's Bend. I am hoping to pick up a lot and be able to get down to another. My doctor tells me he is going to milk me for half a dozen books before he'll give me up.

Hope you your wife and self are well and settled into you new house .

Sincerely,

*Arthur Aspinall*

3 Jasmine Street,  
Bowral, N.S.W.,  
29th October, 1963.

Mr. Jack Harker,  
William Heinemann Ltd.,  
P.O.Box 203C,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.



Dear Jack,

Thanks for putting the dough in the bank to my company's credit. Enclosed is the receipt.

I am getting back to normal but haven't yet quite reached top form. Another upset is a hernia which will have to be fixed soon, and I am trying to make arrangements through the doctor to visit a truss maker when I go to Sydney to attend the booksellers' party on, I think, November 9. Dave Lemon will let me know.

Mrs U is about the same, and still in the Nursing Home. She is able to come home three afternoons a week so that breaks the monotony. I cook lunch for both of us, so I am not starving.

The new book is about half way through. Progress is slow because often I have a 'bad' day and cannot work. I am calling it The Monster of Lake Frome, and hope to have it off my desk by Christmas.

Meanwhile all the best, and hoping you are settled into your new home,

Sincerely,

*Arthur*

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*9 George St.*

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