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THE JOURNAL

Enclosed with this Newsletter is the latest edition of the Wilkie Collins Society Journal, Vol.VII.

WILKIE COLLINS CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

Professor R.C.Terry of the Department of English, University of Victoria, B.C., Canada, has now confirmed that the Centennial Conference will take place from September 29th. to October 1st at the Dunsmuir Lodge Conference Centre. Speakers include Michael Booth, Fred Kaplan, Christopher Kent, Sue Lonoff, Catherine Peters and John Sutherland. Further details of the meeting are attached.

CENTENARY DINNER

Plans for the Centenary Dinner are progressing and it will be held on Thursday October 26th. 1989 at the Reform Club, Pall Mall, which Wilkie was known to frequent. It is being organised under the auspices of the prestigious Thackeray Society which holds regular literary dinners at this venue. Wilkie's great grand-daughter, Faith Clarke, will be present and it is hoped that speakers will include Sir Kenneth Robinson and Benny Green.

U.K. CENTENARY MEETING

There is also the possibility of a one-day Centenary Conference in mid to late October. Provisional arrangements are being made by Dr Nicholas Rance of the Middlesex Polytechnic, All Saints, White Hart Lane, London, N. 17. Further details will be given in due course.

PUBLICATIONS

Details are enclosed of The Arabian Nights in English Literature, published by Macmillan and edited by Society member Peter Caracciolo who contributed the chapter on Wilkie Collins. The book has been hailed by Anthony Burgess as "a remarkable and much-needed study which shows how soaked our literature is in the tales of Scheherazade. Scholarly, humane and far-reaching".

A new Oxford University Press edition of Armada, edited by Catherine Peters, is due to appear in November. It is also anticipated that in the same series Basil, edited by Dorothy Goldman, will be published early next year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription for 1989 has been maintained at the present level of £7.00.

GHOST STORY SOCIETY

Members may be interested to hear of the recent formation of the Ghost Story Society. Further information is available from Rosemary Pardoe, Flat One, 36 Hamilton Street, Hoole, Chester, CH2 3JQ.

TRIVIAL PURSUITS: READINGS IN POPULAR CULTURE

Details have been received of this one day conference introducing the forthcoming MacMillan 'Insights' volume on popular culture. It will be held at Bedford College of Higher Education on Saturday 15th. April. Tickets are available from Dr A. Page, Bedford College, Polhill Avenue, Bedford, MK41 9EA.

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I enclose my remittance of £7.00 for 1989 membership of the Wilkie Collins Society.

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