



The Wilkie Collins Society

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U.K. NEWSLETTER

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U.K. CENTENARY MEETING Wednesday October 25th
A Wilkie Collins Centenary Conference in the U.K. has now been arranged by Dr Nick Rance of The Middlesex Polytechnic to take place on October 25th. Speakers will be Peter Caracciolo, Andrew Gasson, Nick Rance, Catherine Peters, and Jenny Bourne Taylor.

CENTENARY DINNER Thursday October 26th
The Centenary Dinner will take place on the following evening at the Reform Club, Pall Mall. Replies and bookings should be made on the enclosed sheet.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE IN CANADA SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 1ST
This Meeting has been arranged by Professor R.C. Terry of the Department of English, University of Victoria, B.C. It will be held at the Dunsmuir Lodge Conference Centre. Speakers include Catherine Peters and Peter Caracciolo from the U.K., as well as Michael Booth, Fred Kaplan, Christopher Kent, Sue Lonoff and John Sutherland.

PUBLICATIONS

Members are reminded of recent publications and Society discounts:

William Clarke's The Secret Life of Wilkie Collins, Allison & Busby; author's discount price £9.95. Paperback available shortly.

Jenny Bourne Taylor's In the Secret Theatre of Home, Wilkie Collins, sensation narrative & nineteenth-century psychology, Routledge; authors discount price £26.25.

Peter Caracciolo's The Arabian Nights in English Literature, Macmillan; 37.50.

Philip O'Neill's Wilkie Collins: Women, Property and Propriety, Macmillan Press; £27.50.

THE DICKENS FELLOWSHIP AND GAD'S HILL PLACE

Members may know that our friends in the Dickens Fellowship are negotiating to buy Gad's Hill Place. To assist with fund raising, the Secretary, Alan Watts has written a 40,000 word book entitled Dickens at Gad's Hill. The foreword is by Monica Dickens. All copies will be signed by the author and by Cedric Dickens who has added a postscript. The minimum cost is £15 and further information is available from Alan Watts, 34a The Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.



THE WILKIE COLLINS CENTENARY CONFERENCE
 APPROACHES TO VICTORIAN POPULAR FICTION
 Wednesday October 25th 1989
 10.30am - 5.00pm

The Centenary Conference is being arranged in conjunction with Dr Nick Rance of Middlesex Polytechnic. It will be held at the Enfield Site, Queensway, Enfield, Middlesex, EN3 4SF. The nearest station is Southbury Road, on the Liverpool Street Line.

SPEAKERS

Catherine Peters (Oxford University)
 'Invite no dangerous publicity' - Some independent women and their effect on Wilkie Collins' life and writing.

Nick Rance (Middlesex Polytechnic)
 Nothing painful Ma'am! Best sellers: what do readers want?

Jenny Bourne Taylor (Sussex University)
 Wilkie Collins - Narrative strategy and psychological paradigm.

Peter Caracciolo (Royal Holloway and Bedford New College) The limits of popular fiction

Andrew Gasson (London)
 Some biographical and bibliographical notes

COST (To include morning coffee and afternoon tea)

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| Members of the Wilkie Collins Society | £5 |
| Non-members | £10 |

Refectory and bar service will be available for lunch.

THE WILKIE COLLINS CENTENARY CONFERENCE

To Dr Nick Rance
 83 Ollerton Road
 New Southgate
 London, N11 2JY

Please return by October 1st

I enclose my remittance of £5.00 (or £10.00)

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