

Written in a mood between jest and earnest, by
myself, and alter-ego DAVID RADCLIFFE.
Dear Friends (and Others!),

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Fully resolved never to cut a stencil again, I quietly sat down some time ago and decided that I was sick, tired and fed up with fandom, and science fiction in general (as are many of the true fans who have witnessed the incompetence and muddling which preceded the formation of the BPS among other matters). Then fans go and do it on me by voting for me 100% (those who managed to find the time to vote) for a member of the Advisory Board of the BPS. So I sit down to cut a stencil again - but rest assured that this is the very last. Having quit the very profitable "business" of mag. dealing, I now have no ties with fandom whatsoever, and I can break clean. But firstly, a list of mags. still for sale. Please order as soon as possible, and send no money until you receive some or all of your requirements. If there is no reply, there is nothing for you. UNKNOWN - March '39 @ 1/- (ALL MAGS. POST FREE); AMAZING - Oct. '33, June '37; WONDER - Jan., March, Apr., May, June & Oct. '35 all @ 10d each; ASTOUNDING - Sept., Oct., Nov. '33, Jan., Feb., March, Apr., May & June '39; AMAZING - Sept. '39 all @ 8d each; SCIENCE FICTION - March & Aug. '39; IRVING - Nov. '38 all @ 7d each; AMAZING - June '38, Aug. '39; TWS - Oct. & Dec. '38 all @ 5d each.

And now a few comments to people who will never hear from me again (to their eternal joy in most cases!). KEN BULLER - it was nice to know you, Ken, and I'll always remember you as a really decent fellow. Look after yourself. JACK BINKS - I admired you for one thing only, you had the courage of your convictions. RON BRADBURY - I enjoyed meeting you more than I can say, for you're certainly an enthusiastic and interesting fellow. However, without the mutual interest of sf. I fear we would find each other very boring. ARTHUR BUSBY - an all steady fellow, who always gave me a square deal, and to whom I wish every success and happiness in the future. DON DOUGHTY - keep the seas clear, pal, and as we feel the same way about things I don't see why we should break the partnership up now. Do you? JACK GIBSON - our discussions were fun, weren't they? I hear you're not so fit these days, so look after yourself. BOB GIBSON - what I said when you wore up her -o still goes, and I'll write soon. RON HOLMES - "Remember the Dece", Ron? I guess that's through now though, so So Long, and All the Best. RON LINE - the quietest guy I ever met. Too damn quiet for me, I'm afraid. BERT LEWIS - I enjoyed the trips over to your place, Bert, and thanks for everything. I still think you were a bit too obvious in your enthusiastic acceptance of me as a friend. Best of Luck in the RAF to ALLEN LONGTON. And all my best wishes to JOHN MORGAN, wherever he may be now. Thanks for keeping your promise to pick up the UNDYING MONSTER, MEDHURST. Somehow I have a quaint old fashioned notion of trying to keep promises. Queer, ain't it? And EDWIN M(c)DONALD (I never found out which it is!) will long remember me as the guy who never got round to answering his 20 page letter! Sorry, Ed, I would honestly have liked to, for in the list of fans I like you rate high. Best luck to TERENCE OVERTON in the Forces. I still can't read your writing. Still remember Blackpool in the Summer, JULLIAN PARR? MIKE I liked, but somehow the last meeting dampened my feelings. You wouldn't leave me in peace if I tried to stop writing to you, would you DENNIS? So why should I try? ART WILLIAMS was very irrelevant, and irresponsible, but we had fun. And skipping many others I finish up with my old traditional enemy MR. DOUGGIE WEBSTER - tolerance is a great thing, isn't it, Douglas? We both tried it, and I'm afraid we both failed badly. To be honest, I can quite happily say that I consider you very near a raving lunatic, and from my viewpoint, almost a moron. However as you no doubt think the same about me, these statements are fruitless. So Goodbye to you all, and bloody good riddance to many. Fandom has learnt me a lot, and I would be a fool to deny it, but I feel my education is complete. J. E. REYNOLSON.