

Transcript – KP/JK/4/3

THE PENMAN CLUB. [Note: The letter is typed onto headed notepaper]

[Note: Insignia showing a row of books plus ink well and quill, accompanied by the words] “Writers help writers”

General Secretary: Leonard G. Stubbs Assistant Secretary: Barrie Buckland

CRITICISM SHEET.

Member....Miss J. Kenney. MSS. Received.....3-7-57.....

Your MSS.....Three scripts..... has now been read and the following criticism given by.....C.M.....(Examiner’s Initials) Checked.....R.T.K.....

MSS. Returned.....12-7-57.....

“THE MOORLAND MYSTERY”. I have read this script with interest, and in my opinion the style in which it has been written is very good, and it does not require any kind of alteration or revision. The subject, itself, however, is going to be rather difficult to place, as although unusual there is nothing particularly sensational or striking about it. Nevertheless, in view of the way in which it has been written up I do think it would be worth offering to “TIT BITS”, as you suggest, or to either of the following publications: -

WEEKEND MAIL, Northcliffe House, London, E.C 4.
BOLTON EVENING NEWS, Mealhouse Lane, Bolton, Lancs.

“A LIBRARIAN AT SEA”. This is quite interesting, and again the style in which it has been written is most effective. I do not think it would require any alteration of any kind. I would certainly offer it to the publication you have in mind, or to either of the following: -

THE TRIDENT, 14-16, Cockspur Street, London, S.W.1.
EVERYBODY’S, 114, Fleet Street, London, E.C. 4.

(I do not think you need delete the three paragraphs you mention. In fact, I consider that it would be better to leave them in.)

“WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM BIOGRAPHIES”. This has certainly been very well written, but the market chances are small, owing to the subject matter, and the fact that it offers little to the general reader these days. However, I think it would be worth trying the work out, as there is just a chance that you might be lucky with it. I would suggest, therefore, that you offer it to either of the following publications: -

CORNHILL MAGAZINE, 50, Albemarle Street, London, W.1.
BRITISH WEEKLY, 11, Buckingham Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2.

I note that you will be typing these scripts again before you offer them, and I hope that what I have said about this work will be helpful to you.

Good wishes,
CM [signature]

No. [ticked] CHECKED...[ticked]

WRITTEN BY.....R.T.K.....

TYPED

FROM DICTATION

.....Clifton Moreton.....

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