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Dear Mr. Raddall:

I trust that you will remember me when you see my name at the foot of this page. I am sure that you know my father and hope that the name will bring memories of my face. Perhaps this letter is in the way of being a little bold in the asking of advice from a man as busy as I know that you must be when you know me only as the son of a man with whom you are well acquainted. However, I am going to take the proverbial bull by its horns and will hope that I am not overstepping the mark.

To come directly to the point I am interested in a writing career even if only in a small way. Writing has always been more or less of a hobby with me, a sort of spare-time occupation which began in college and carried me into work on the staff of the student publications. Now that I am older and have more interest in such pursuits, I would like to be able to have stories and articles published in recognized magazines and periodicals if they are worth printing.

My object in writing to you is to get advice as to how one goes about getting editors to give ones work a fair chance. If you can spare the time and are willing to write a few tips on the art of approaching editors would be very much appreciated.

My background consists of several courses in English including a course in journalism and one in the writing of newspaper articles. All the experience that I have had has been on the college papers so I really don't know whether or not my talent for that sort of work is keen enough to be liked by the general public. Since there is only one way to find out if I can produce anything worthwhile, I would like to try it.

Having been successful yourself in that line, perhaps you would be willing to help me by offering some advice. I sincerely hope so. Just in the way of comment I have read all of your books. May I say in all seriousness that I enjoyed them very much, perhaps because the setting is so familiar to me. Your "Pied Piper of Dipper Creek" was especially one of which that may be said.

As mentioned above, I trust that I have not overstepped the mark in asking this of you. I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

*Eric S. Seals*

*Ans'd Jan 13/44*