

Rochester

N. B.

Dec 23rd

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Received
Dec. 26

Dear Mr. Raddall:

In one
way I seem to have known you
for years as I read, I think,
all your stories which came out
in Blackwood, though it was
only about five years ago that

I learned your name through
a notice which appeared in
The Beacon - Now I have your
book & collected Jones with
the introduction by John Deane.
I hope you will not mind this
letter an impertinence but I
woud you were less of a mystery
person to me than you are at
present, especially as I am
to look about your work &

The Electric Reading Club in some other
next month.

Some of the names which I shall be
taking up are Rufus Snow, F. Lee -
Fanny Jones, Rowden & the one

about the names of the first part of the
as was, the Road to Freedom I think it is
called. If you would care to give
me some information about yourself - whether
you are a New Yorker by birth, how you

Came to write about stories &
anything especially interesting about
the ones I have ~~to~~ mentioned
I should indeed be grateful, but if
not, just burn this & I shall
still remain much in your debt
for many delightful hours.

yours truly

W. R. Hibbard



Programme



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Rothesay
New Brunswick

Feb. 15

1941

Sincerely yours

Dear Mr. Raddall;

Raddall

I thought you might like to know something about the evening at the Eclectic Club when we took up some of your work .

I dont know how Tambour escaped me when it came out in ~~Blackwood~~ Blackwood , but when you mentioned it especially in your letter to me of course I found and read it . I consider it among the best of your stories and was anxious to take it up at the meeting . The person who was to read it , however , reminded , me that the executive this year had decided to bar tragedy and as there is a large element in this story , suggested a change . Rather reluctantly I consented - lest the sensitive feelings of the members ~~might~~ might not be unduly harrowed- and we took up two of what I call the Larrabee saga instead; the first and the last of his progeny , ~~Between~~ the Lines and Miss Letty. Then we ended the evening with Before Snow Flies . Fortunately I was able to secure really good readers who could enter into the spirit of the stories and the evening was a distinct success. I feel quite sure you will have several more regular readers among our members.

to the Club

I took the liberty of reading the letter about yourself and your work which in response to my request you so kindly wrote to me x . I also read Tweedsmuir's introduction in the Pied Piper of Dinner Creek . That was all the introduction I gave.

With kind regards ,

1941

Sincerely yours

W. A. Hillman

Dear Mr. Raddall:

I thought you might like to know something about the evening at the Folestic Club when we took up some of your work . I don't know how Tamboour escaped me when it came out in *Sketches* Blackwood , but when you mentioned it especially in your letter to me of course I found and read it . I consider it among the best of your stories and was anxious to take it up at the meeting . The person who was to read it , however , reminded me that the executive this year had decided to bar tragedy and as there is a large element in this story suggested a change . Rather reluctantly I consented - lest the sensitive feelings of the members *whom* might not be unduly narrowed - and we took up two of what I call the Larabee saga instead; the first and the last of his progeny . Between the lines and Miss Letty . Then we ended the evening with *Before Snow Flies* . Fortunately I was able to secure really good readers who could enter into the spirit of the stories and the evening was a distinct success . I feel quite sure you will have several more regular readers among our members .