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Southern Counties Chess Union.

R. H. S. STEVENSON,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

11, Tower Road,

Dartford,
KENT.

22 Oct. 1913

Dear Sir

As a member of the "Wellcome" club here, I have often admired the handsome set of Chessmen in the glass case, in the right hand room upstairs at the staff house. As Secretary of the above Union it has been my privilege at various times to see very old & beautifully carved sets, but the ones here are quite the finest I have seen.

I am informed that you could in all probability tell me their origin & history and if you would do this I should be very greatly obliged.

Together with my wife, who tied this year for the British Ladies Championship I have for some time past been making

a collection of Chess pictures & curiosities
and should much like to add a photo &
description of this unique set.

One or two well-known Chess players I
have introduced as guests to the Club have
also expressed a keen desire to know their
history.

Yours faithfully

R. S. Stevenson

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Mr
Murray

5 November 1913.

Dear Sir,

I regret the delay in replying to your letter of the 22nd ult., but owing to pressure of work I was unable to see Mr. Wellcome until a few days ago with respect to the old set of chessmen in the Club at Dartford. Personally I have no knowledge of their origin and history.

Mr. Wellcome tells me he has no available information on the subject. but when he returns from abroad next year, he will endeavour to ascertain something of their history. When I obtain this, I will communicate with you again.

Faithfully yours,

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R.H.S. Stevenson Esq.,
11, Tower Road,
Dartford, Kent.

March 13th, 1908.

Dear Sir,

I regret that I am still under such pressure that it is quite impossible for me to fix a date for reading a paper before your Club as promised. I am really afraid it will not be possible for me to do so before Easter, and if not I must postpone it until the autumn, but I will do my best, and if it can be managed you may be sure that I shall not fail to let you know at an early date.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. Barrowcliff,
Wellcome Club & Institute,
Dartford.

Wellcome Club Inst.

March 8 / 08

Dear Sir

Now that January &
February - during which you
said in your letter of Dec. 22
you would be busy - have passed
I am writing to remind you of
your promise to read us a
paper, and to ask if you
could give me an approximate

date for it.

We do not usually continue our
meetings late in to the spring
so that if you could manage
it before Easter it would be
preferable.

Yours faithfully

M Bamociff

WELLCOME CLUB
AND INSTITUTE
DARTFORD

December 20th 1907.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., the picture entitled "The Pyramids - Sunset", has come to hand and will be immediately forwarded to the Club and hung in accordance with Mr. Wellcome's instructions.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the picture "Just in Time" which came to hand safely on December 4th; it has now been hung in the Tower House in accordance with the instructions received.

Yours truly,

H. B. Sayer.
Secretary.

C.J.S. Thompson, Esq.,
Snow Hill Buildings,
LONDON, E.C.

November 30th, 1907.

Dear Dr. Jowett,

I am sending to you per van on Monday a picture entitled "Just in Time" by Parkinson, which Mr. Wellcome has recently purchased and which he wishes to be placed in a prominent position on the wall at the far end of the men's Club-Room in the W.C. & I.

Mr. Wellcome would like it to be hung sufficiently high to avoid receiving an injury, and so that it cannot be fingered.

I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know that you have received the picture safely.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. H. Jowett,
Dartford.

December 23rd, 1907.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 26th ult. and to my promise to read a paper before your Society, since writing to you I find that I shall be engaged on some special work during January and February next, so I am afraid you will have to leave the date open until I can fix one for you.

I shall bear it in mind, and as soon as I am able to arrange a date I will let you know.

Faithfully yours,

M. Barrowcliff, Esq.,
Wellcome Club & Institute,
Dartford.

November 13th, 1907.

Dear Sir,

I much regret that, owing to absence from town and pressure of work, I have been unable to reply to your letter before.

I should be very pleased to read a paper to your Society if you could postpone it until some time in the early part of next year

At the present time I am too busy to prepare anything of the kind, but I shall have pleasure in doing so later if you will communicate with me again.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. Harrowcliff,
Wellcome Club & Institute,
Dartford.

Barrow-cliff

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AND INSTITUTE
DARTFORD

Nov. 26 /07

Dear Mr Thompson

I am much obliged to you
for your kind promise to read us a
paper, and would suggest a date, to
be definitely decided on later, in the third
or fourth week in January - if that
would suit your convenience.

With apologies for not having replied
before, I remain

Yours faithfully

W Barrowcliff

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C. Owen

Copy.

October 4th, 1907.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the pianos which I inspected at your premises on Wednesday afternoon last, I am disposed to make you a cash offer of eighty pounds for the three pianos selected, namely the Broadwood Grand, the Chappell Upright, and the Cramer Pianette.

I should be glad of your reply as early as possible.

Faithfully yours,

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REFERENCE J.

September 21st 1907.

C. J. S. Thompson, Esq.,
Snow Hill Buildings,
London, E.C.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst.,
I cannot do better than give you the recommendations of the Sub-
committee, with regard to the provision of three pianos at the
Club. They are as follows :

70-80
"We recommend that a "Broadwood" Semi-grand be provided for
"the Music Room, Staff House, (such piano being a first-class solo
"instrument), subject to no restrictions being made to prevent it
"being moved from one room to another when necessary."

£30.6.135
"That an "Erard" Upright Grand be provided for the Gymnasium.
"This requires to be an instrument of strength and power as well
"as a fairly efficient solo instrument, and we consider the
"Erard" would best fulfil these conditions."

£15
"That a good second-hand "Bord" piano be purchased for the
"Tower House. Strength is, of course, the first consideration
"here. If the piano at present in the Tower House could be pur-
"chased for £10 to £15, we should recommend this to be done, as
"it is a good strong piano."

I have no idea of the approximate amount to be given for
each piano as this matter was left entirely in the hands of Mr.
Wellcome, but I would strongly urge that no purchase be made until
Mr. Rogerson's opinion is taken, and he is able to recommend their
purchase as being better than those which we already have. A
gift of pianos to replace those which we already have, and which
would mean inferior instruments, would be, I am sure, quite

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contrary to Mr. Wellcome's wishes, and would have bad effects at the Club. Mr. Rogerson is our best pianist, is very enthusiastic and makes frequent use of the instruments at the Club, and can, therefore, be relied upon to give an expert opinion on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

H. A. D. Frost

September 19th, 1907.

Dear Mr. Sayer,

With reference to the consignment from Stafford, will you kindly let me know if all the cases have now arrived.

I understand from the packers that forty-eight cases in all were sent. I shall be glad to know if this is correct, and if not, how many packages, including cases, have been received.

A reply by return of post will oblige.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. H. C. Sayer,
Phoenix Mills,
Dartford.

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DARTFORD

Mr C.J.S.Thompson.
Snow Hill Buildings.
LONDON.E.C.

September 14th 1907.

Dear Mr Thompson,

Confirming our telephone message of Thursday afternoon; the first consignment of goods from Stafford, previously advised by you, arrived at the station on Wednesday last. They were carted to the Club on Thursday and Friday morning, and I have carefully examined all the contents of the cases and crates.

The four truck loads sent consisted of the various sections of the Skittle Alley, 1-doz artificial aloes with stone supporting vases, and a large number of ornamental iron vases: also four cases of pictures and china, all of which arrived apparently in the same condition as packed.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Leyer.

August 30th, 1907.

Dear Mr. Sayer,

In reply to yours of the 24th inst., re the American bowling alley, this is still in process of removal from its original site, but I hope to let you have definite news that it is on its way to Dartford very shortly

Faithfully yours,

Mr. H. B. Sayer,
Wellcome Club & Institute,
Dartford.

Sayer -

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AND INSTITUTE
DARTFORD

August 24th 1907.

Mr C.J.S.Thompson.
Snow Hill Buildings.
London E.C.

Dear Mr Thompson,

Doctor Jowett informed me some time ago, that Mr Wellcome had purchased an American Skittle Alley, at Trentham Hall, and this would shortly be sent down for erection at the W.C.& I. As we have not seen anything of this yet, I thought I would query the matter with you in case it had gone astray some where.

Yours faithfully,

Hub Jayer.
Hon. Sec.

September 19th, 1907.

Dear Dr. Jowett,

I understand from Mr. Pearson that you are wanting three second-hand pianos at the Club. I shall be glad if you will let me have a detailed description of the kind of instruments required, and I will keep a look-out in the sale-rooms when any answering to the description are offered for sale.

I should also like to know the approximate amount that is to be given for each.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Jowett,
Phoenix Mills,
Dartford.

September 7th, 1907.

Dear Dr. Jowett,

I have to advise you that the first consignment of the cases containing the American skittle alley and other objects that Mr. Wellcome purchased at Trentham Hall were despatched from Stafford yesterday, and the remainder will leave there to-day.

With respect to the stone and other vases that are in cases, Mr. Wellcome would like the tops removed to see whether they have been damaged during transit. These are very fragile, and Mr. Wellcome wishes them to be handled with the greatest care. If any of the contents are injured will you kindly communicate with me at once.

Mr. Wellcome thinks that the cases other than those containing the skittle alley may be stored either at the Works or at the Club, whichever you think better, and can be covered with tarpaulin until he decides whether to have them unpacked or not.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Jowett,

Phoenix Mills,
Dartford.

July 30th, 1907.

Dear Dr. Jowett,

Mr. Wellcome has recently purchased the full outfit of an American bowling or skittle alley, which, I understand, he means to have placed in the Wellcome Club and Institute.

The alley, in sections, together with a number of ornamental garden vases, will shortly be sent to Dartford per rail, consigned as follows:-

H. A. D. Jowett, Esq.,
Acacia Hall,
Dartford.

Will you kindly let me know when the cases arrive, and if they are uninjured? I presume that Mr. Wellcome will give further instructions about the fixing of the alley, but he mentioned to me that when it is laid down at Dartford he wants it to be placed in such a manner that it can be removed at any time without difficulty.

Yours faithfully,