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Dear Sir Humphry,

I am writing to ask two questions.

The first relates to the collection of Thorndyke stories which you once asked me about. I have a spare copy of this book for which I should be glad to find a good home. Would you care to have it? If you would, it would give me great pleasure to send it along.

The second question is concerned with the Detection Club. This is a dining club the members of which are the principal writers of detective fiction. Chesterton is the president & the members include F.W. Crofts, Dorothy Sayers, Mrs Christie, Lord Gorell & other well-known writers.

On May 13th the Club is holding its annual Guest Night Dinner at Grosvenor House, Park Lane; & my question is whether you would care to come as my guest. I don't very much expect you to say "yes";

but it will probably be quite a pleasant function
& some interesting people will be there, & I know
that you take a benevolent interest in this form of
literature.

I have never attended a "Detection" dinner, though
I am a foundation member of the club. But I think
I shall go on this occasion, & I need not say how
very glad I should be if you could add to the attractions
by your presence.

Yours very sincerely

W Austin Freeman