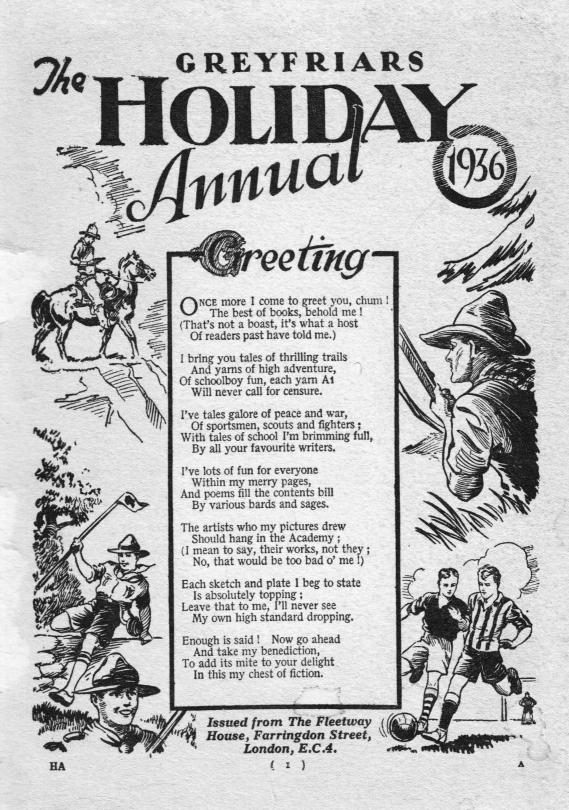


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The Editor To His Friends

In presenting this, the 1936 Edition of the "Holiday Annual," to the many thousands of my loyal reader-friends, I am aware that I am up against a tough task. For every year, for seventeen years now, I have endeavoured to make each successive volume of the "Holiday Annual" just a little better than its predecessor, and every year, naturally, my self-imposed task has become just a little more difficult.

In considering the problem this year, I have decided to throw the burden on to the shoulders of our old friends Harry Wharton & Co. of Greyfriars, and the equally popular Tom Merry & Co. of St. Jim's.

Readers of this volume, therefore, will find that even more space than usual has been devoted to the fun and adventures of these famous schoolboy heroes—incontestably the world's favourite characters—on the principle that it is impossible to have too much of a good thing. Just enough fiction of the thrilling adventure type has been included to give balance to the book and to provide the spice of contrast.

That the finished product will provide even the most fastidious with many happy hours of satisfying reading, is the quite confident hope of your sincere friend,

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