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September 8.

Dear Dick,

School starts in New York on September 22. It was originally supposed to have started on Sept. 14. But, because of a severe epidemic of infantile paralysis here in N.Y., the Board of Education decided to postpone the opening until the date mentioned above. And -- if the epidemic hasn't gone down by the 22nd, school will be postponed a few more days. I'm taking French, German, History, Economics, and, of course, English. Of course there are the regular periods such as physical training, study periods, lunch periods, etc. Also at various times we have football rallies. I don't know if you know what that means, so I'll tell you. Every school has its football rivals. And when we play one of them, we want the whole school to turn out and cheer the school to victory. So we have assemblies at which world-renown football stars speak, telling us about school-spirit, etc., and that we should come out to see the games. And when I ~~say~~ say "world-renown" I mean it. Did you ever hear of Benny Friedman, Hinky Haines, Booth, of Yale? They all spoke to us. I don't think you'll have much trouble in passing typing. While, I myself haven't taken it, I think I can say, that will little practise you'll be able to master this art.

To bad you had all that trouble with the "tin can" on your vacation (?) to Arkansas. But I imagine you must have had a whale of a time hitch-hiking back to town.

Well, I guess I told you all I knew about Hall & Flint in my last letter. I don't know anything about their ages, hobbies, etc. You ask to know about their works. Well, here's the works of Flint: The Devolutionist, The Emancipatrix, The Planet-eer, The King of Conserve Island, The Lord of Death, The Queen of Life, The Man in the Moon, Out of the Moon, The Missing Mondays, The Greater Miracle, and the Nth Man. By Hall: Almost Immortal, The Rebel Soul, Into the Infinite, and the Man who Saved the Earth. And they both did together The Blind Spot. Of course, there may be some other works that both did along the line of science-fiction, but I gave you the list of the stories I have. ^{OR KNOW OF} (I have all of the above mentioned stories with the exception of Almost Immortal.)

I'm sorry, but I haven't any dope on Ray Cummings. Didn't you read the biography of him in the Argosy? If you didn't I'll lend you mine.

If you haven't heard from Carl Swanson in a long time you'll be interested to know that at last the first of his reprint ~~books~~ books are ready. The Title is The Metal Giants. I'm enclosing the circular that Swanson sent me. If you want more, let me know and ~~xxx~~ I'll send them to you. I have plenty to

spare. Are you going to get a copy?

I can hardly wait for the next month to come around. I want to see what's going to happen to Wonder Stories. If you have the latest issue you'll notice that they said they are going to change the magazine back to large size with the next issue. But -- I received a letter from the company informing me that Wonder will be discontinued with the next issue!!! Here is the exact copy of the letter:

"It is with a great deal of regret that we inform you that Wonder Stories will cease publication with its October issue. Financial conditions have compelled us to discontinue the magazine.

"We hope to put out another science-fiction magazine next spring, at which time further information will be sent to all our former readers."

Now, most likely the form letters were sent to all subscribers, including their former ones. I don't know what to believe, but after much thought I think that Wonder won't come out any more. What do you think? Another reason why I think that W.S. won't come out any more is that P.S. Miller informed me less than a month ago that W.S. had accepted the story slated for the next issue. It usually takes about a half a year for a story to get printed. But, I do hope the quarterly comes out, to see how A. Rowley Hilliard worked out Glasser's plot. I also want to see and read what Cummings calls "my best story." I thought the best story in the current Astounding was The Red Hell of Jupiter. Did you see my two letters under the names of Henderson and Kluck? The best in Amazing was The Master of Mystery. It might interest you to know that The Stone From the Green Star was rejected by Argosy. It's hard to pick the best story in Wonder, but I think The Return of the Cosmic Gun and After 1,000,000 Years were pretty good. By the way, don't get the idea that I don't wonder to come out any more. I do! -- especially the next issue. I ~~want~~ want to know who won the Williamson contest.

You don't ask for the biography of any author, so I'll pick one of my own choice.

Name: Edmond Hamilton.

Born: October 21, 1904.

Married: No. ("Praise Allah," he says.)

College: Westminster College.

Forthcoming Stories: In Weird Tales: The Three from the Tomb, Creatures of the Comet, And Kaldar, World of Antares. He's going to have a story also in Strange Tales called Dead Legs.

Well, I guess that's all I have to say. So long.

Scientifictionally yours,

Julie.

