

NOTES AND QUERIES

THE JOURNALISM OF H. G. WELLS: ERRATA AND ADDITIONS

Patrick Parrinder

This list of errata and additions to *The Journalism of H. G. Wells* by David C. Smith should be read in conjunction with its predecessor published in *The Wellsian* 36 (2013): 62-3. The errors are identified by the item numbers in David Smith's bibliography. I am most grateful to Lyman Tower Sargent for discovering many of the errors, and to Peter Beck, Alexander Orlov, Helen Saunders and Maxim Shadurski for new items.

Errata

137. 'The Man with a Nose' was collected in *Select Conversations*, as well as by Hammond.

309. The correct title is 'The Palmy Days of the Universities', not 'University'.

343, 365, 435, 478. In each of these items, 'Sylvanus Thayer' or 'Sylvanus P. Thayer' should be 'Silvanus Thompson'. The entry for 'Thayer' in the Index should be amended to 'Thompson'. In item 343, the cross-references should be to 365, 435 and 478; similarly, in 365 the cross-references should be to 343, 435 and 478.

358. 'Concerning the Nose' was not reprinted in *Select Conversations*.

617. What is referred to as a 'long excerpt' from *A Modern Utopia* in the *Edinburgh Review*, vol. 202 (July 1905) is, in fact, a review of *A Modern Utopia* and other utopian texts.

825. 'Off the Chain' appeared in the *Daily Mail*, 20 December 1910, on p. 6 (not p. 4 as stated).

1601. 'Life in the Year 2106': the reference to a reprint in the *Current Digest* is incorrect, as there was no such journal at the time given. Nor was there a reprint in the *New Current Digest*.

1969. Wells's article on Mosley appeared in the United States in *New Masses*, 25 January 1944, p. 17.

2175. 'The Teaching University of London' appeared on pp. 149-50, not as given. I cannot endorse Smith's opinion that this *Saturday Review* article calling for state regulation of London University is a 'strong Wells possibility'.

2254. 'Doctors', the article collected in *An Englishman Looks at the World*, first appeared in the *Daily Mail*, 7 October 1905, p. 4, not in the *Westminster Gazette*. Wells argues for a National Health Service and for the promotion of medical research, especially cancer research.

2312. Wells's obituary remarks on Maxim Gorky appeared under the title 'Telegram from Herbert Wells' in *Pravda*, 19 June 1936, p. 4. An almost identical version was published in *Literaturnaia Gazeta* (Moscow) on 20 June.

2440. Wrongly dated '1893', this item refers to an anonymous article, 'New Writers: Mr H. G. Wells', in *The Bookman*, vol. 8 no. 47 (August 1895), pp. 134-5.

List of Published Collections of Wells's Journalism [Bibliography p. 59]. The New York publisher of *Washington and the Riddle of Peace* was Macmillan, not Doubleday.

Index of Titles [p. 386]. 'Communism and Witchcraft' is the title of item 1517, not 1417.

General Index [p. 427]. Under 'Wells, H. G., books, pamphlets, and films', insert '*Travels of a Republican Radical in Search of Hot Water*, see *In Search of Hot Water*'.

New Items

1896

The Chap-Book (Chicago) [Press interview]

‘Picaroon’, ‘Portrait of Mr H. G. Wells’, vol. 5 no. 1 (15 May), pp. 366-74.

A leisurely article introducing American readers to ‘the most notable of the younger English writers’, drawing on an interview conducted at Wells’s house in Woking. ‘In casual conversation you note the oddly humorous twist of his ideas, the faculty of standing apart from the ordinary line of observation and looking at everything, at himself even, from a new point of view.’

1897

Sketch Magazine [Press interview]

‘A Young Novelist who has “arrived”’: A Chat with Mr H. G. Wells’, no. 212 (15 September), p. 317.

A pipe-smoking H. G. Wells reviews his life to date and looks to the imminent publication of *Certain Personal Matters* and *The Invisible Man*. He also offers his thoughts on the social revolution being brought about by the bicycle.

1898

Daily News [Press interview]

‘The Scientific Novel. A Talk with Mr H. G. Wells’, 26 January.

Wells recounts the origins of *The Time Machine*, *The Wonderful Visit* and *The War of the Worlds*. ‘Science is crammed with romantic possibilities’. The interviewer is not named.

1902

Men’s Wear: A Weekly Journal

‘Mr H. G. Wells: His Views on Class Journalism in General, and “Men’s Wear” in Particular’, vol. 1, no. 3 (1 March), p. 108.

This column by the editor of the journal incorporates a letter from Wells offering his thoughts on the magazine.

1929

Chicago Daily Tribune [News item]

‘H. G. Wells Berates Russian Writers in Preface to Tolstoi’.

On Wells’s ‘pithy’ preface to Tolstoy’s *Resurrection*. See item 2662.

1934

Literaturnaia Gazeta (Moscow) [News item]

‘Herbert Wells on Soviet Films’, 28 July.

Wells’s brief response to a film screening arranged for him during his visit to Moscow. ‘I wish I could spend a whole night watching films like this, but Moscow offers so many charming things that I am feeling tired and will go to bed, so I could dream *Three Songs about Lenin*.’ (Translation by Maxim Shadurski.) I have only seen a cutting.