

TELEGRAMS —
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Dear Sir

I think that every literary man would welcome such a scheme as you suggest for there can be no question that the missing link between the author and the public lies in the deficiency in quantity and in quality of the bookseller. I believe that there are many members of that trade who represent those high traditions which made the bookshop a centre of education & of light, but in many cases ^{he} ~~it~~ has ceased to be a specialist, and sells books as mechanically as he would handle any less spiritual article of commerce. I think that anything which

would restore the dignity and influence
of the trade would be good, and the scheme
which you suggest seems to me to be a
powerful means to this end.

Yours faithfully

Arthur Conan Doyle.

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May 1. 1903.

