the Demon in the UK). It was on these visits to the continent that MRJ stayed at the Lord Warden hotel, which, as those familiar with Dover know, has accommodated many of the famous on their way to and from England and the continent.

MRJ died in 1936 but his stories live on. They are unique in that sometimes only a bleary or vaguely described figure or image conjures up more fear than if it had been described with more clarity of form. Surely things half-hidden and shapes not clear make the mind wonder what dreadful objects they really could be and it is this which makes MRJ such a master of the classic ghost story. Moreover, it is we from Dover who can add yet one more of the famous to our list of those who stayed at the Lord Warden.

Though he spent his childhood in Suffolk and travelled far and wide might we not think that when MRJ stayed at this Dover hotel and looked across towards the lighthouse, with its shadows on a foggy night, this must have conjured up a perfect theme for the ghosts of antiquity!

Zeebrugge Service on St George's Day

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