CO-CHAIRMAN TRACKS DOWN 'FRIENDS'

Many thanks to all of you who sent in suggestions for finding our mysterious 'friends'. Bill Hogarth has located them! Through an initial contact with Jesse Ferrar, he was able to get in touch with Alexander Clark, an organizer, with Richard Aldridge and Stanley Cahn of the 'Friends of Richard III, Inc.' Mr. Clark admitted that his group was not able to get very far, and has promised to send us all of their original material. He is also interested in joining our Society.

Mr. Hogarth is now acting as our agent in attempting to track down the mysteriously named 'Junior Brands Association,' which might possibly turn out to be a Tudor front! Does anyone have any clues we can use to find this group?

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The Library was received by Mrs. Aynes on June 17, 1966, with $6.60 in its account. Since then, two items have been returned, which were out at the time. Three groups of issues have been sent out and two returned. Three back issues of THE RICARDIAN have been sold for $.50 each, and $.25 spent for postage, leaving a balance of $7.25 in the account. The library has back issues of THE RICARDIAN, #74 and #75 for sale at $.50 each.

CHARTER FLIGHT TO ENGLAND?

It has been suggested by several members and by our late secretary Arthur Kincaid, that there might be sufficient interest among American members and their friends to warrant a group charter of a plane to England. Ideally, this would be scheduled in August, in time for the anniversary of Bosworth Field. I have asked Miss Wogram what the English branch would be able to offer us in terms of helping us get to the places we should see, and possibly having someone who knows the place show it to us. Of course, the only thing we would ask you to commit yourself to would be the flight over and the flight back. If you wanted to take off on your own, you could. If any of you would be interested, please let me know so that Miss Clumpner, Mr. Larkin and I can start the arrangements.

MEMBERS PREPARE WHO'S WHO

Good news for those of us who get lost in the maze of family relationships involved in the 'War of the Roses' comes from Mrs. Joan Murray and Miss Doloros Marotta. They are working on a complete genealogical chart of the family relationships of all of the descendants of Edward III — with a view toward establishing who might have thought they had a legitimate claim to the throne and the possibility of their murdering the princes. When completed, this will be an outstanding addition to the library, as well as being a logical candidate for printing and possible sale to members.
On November 2, Mr. William Snyder, regional director of the Washington area, gave a talk entitled "Why Richard III" to the Toastmasters International Club of Washington, D.C. The following quotes are excerpts from this talk:

"...the careful, objective, and interested student of history can observe the layering of myth, legend, and propaganda into so-called history, shrouded in textbooks and sanctified by repetition over these 500 years. In the same manner as the skilled pathologist dissects and lays bare diseased tissue, students of history are examining the life and times of Richard III with scrupulous care and objectivity and are attempting to lay bare the facts and remove the thick layers of fiction, propaganda, and hearsay."

"Let's go back again to the Grand Canyon. Note how the colors of the rocks seem to change with the shifting light of the sun. In the same way, we can observe how the character of Richard III changes as we focus the strong, clear light of careful and objective research and evaluation on this man and his times."

"Such research has real meaning for our times, when the failure to distinguish between propaganda and fact might conceivably result in a holocaust."

"What is truth and how does one recognize it? This problem confronts every age and explains why the character of King Richard III now, more than ever, poses a fascinating and challenging problem."

APPOINTMENT OF NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Miss Lydia Fish, The Folklore Institute, 714 E. Eighth St., Bloomington, Indiana, has been appointed regional director of the Indiana area. She has a copy of the chapter formation guide, so if any members in this area would be interested in forming a chapter, please write to her.

BIRTH OF RICARDIAN BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED

Mr. and Mrs. William Lichtenstein are working on a book which will consist of short biographical sketches of all the Plantagenet wives. This will be an interesting addition to our library.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

At the moment it looks as if you will be receiving a listing of the names and addresses of new members with the December newsletter. This year the members will be arranged according to states, in the hope that members might be able to get together more often.

It is fairly definite that there will be a meeting in Pittsburgh this spring. This is in answer to requests from the students that we try to have a meeting when they can come. I realize that many of you would prefer New York, but it is impossible for me to come to New York twice a year. Besides, we have members in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pa, who cannot attend a New York meeting. I would like to schedule this during Easter vacation, and the date of April 1 has been mentioned. Would persons please write to me and let me know what dates would be best for you?

So many of you have ordered pins that I had to order more from England. Miss Wigram told me that their supply had run out, so they have had to have more made and the new pins should be arriving shortly. I have gone down the list as far as I can, and if you have not received yours, you will as soon as the English supply comes in.

If any of you have any suggestions — pro or con — please write to us and tell us. We are not tyrants or despots and are more than willing to consider anything you might offer. We have fulfilled our pledge to England, thanks to your generosity, and as you receive this, the check is being sent to England. I am sure that I will have word from Miss Wigram in time for the next issue.

Miss Giles' Shine Out, Far Sun, has been accepted for publication by the Vantage Press. 'Miss Giles was secretary of the English Branch last year.
RICARCTIAN REFERENCE IN SCI-FI BOOK

While down in Florida and doing some light reading, I came across the following interesting reference:

"Earlier in time E625 had been one with the world Blake had once called home. Then two crucial alterations of events had given it another future altogether.

The first came in 1485. Thereafter no Henry Tudor had reigned in England. Instead Richard the Third's courageous charge at his enemy during the battle of Bosworth had carried him to the Lancastrian Pretender and, with his own hand, Richard had put an end to the red rose for all time.

Once firmly on the throne, Richard had developed the potentias that historians in Blake's world had come to grant him, with regret that he had never, in their own past, had never, in their own past, had a chance to show his worth as probably one of the ablest of the Plantagenet house. ... The brilliance that, in Blake's world, had marked the reign of Elizabeth Tudor, had in E625 flourished a generation earlier under Richard and his immediate successors.


COLOR PORTRAIT OF RICHARD AVAILABLE

If anyone would like a good sized color copy of the NPG portrait of Richard, Mrs Haynes has a slide of it and a letter authorizing copyright material. This would be a good time to get it under the Maxwell House offer of an 11x14 enlargement on canvas textured paper for $3.00 and the inner seal from a jar of their instant coffee. Mrs Haynes, 4149 25th St., N.W., Arlington, Va. 22207, will take orders from members until the middle of February.

NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board would like to make it clear that, although we will be stepping up our activities in the future, at no time will any member be asked to do more than he or she feels like doing. We realize that there are some of you who are perfectly content to just pay your dues and receive the various notices. This is fine with us, and we will never pressure you into doing anything else. However, we must ask you to realize that there are other members who would like the Society to be more active, and who have the time, energy, and/or money to devote to these activities. These members are not happy being just dues-payers. Therefore we are trying to satisfy both sides. We are going to give the members who wish to be active an opportunity for action, and we are not going to push our other members into action they do want to take. We are a Society of individuals, and as long as the present officers are in charge, each member will be treated as an individual. If you want to be active, fine; if you just want to pay your dues, fine too.

MEMBER ASKS FOR SUGGESTIONS

Miss Mary Ellen Triolo, 7 Rotary Drive, Summit, N J , will be doing her Senior history thesis on Richard and would appreciate suggestions as to an area in which to concentrate her research.

BELATED THANKS OFFERED

Miss Arlene B. Rosner deserves the thanks of all of us for her contribution to the Society last year. She typed, duplicated, and collated the minutes of the 1965 meeting and donated her time and the cost of the paper. The thanks we are offering are late, but are truly sincere.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR INFORMATION CARD.
At the Annual Meeting, October 1, 1966 in New York City, the officers and members of the Eastern American Branch of the Richard III Society took issue with the present form of the Ricardian, in respect to its usefulness to educational and historical institutions, the serving of which is a stated aim of the Society.

This took expression in the following resolution:

We, the officers and members of the Eastern American Branch, feel that it is a primary purpose of the Society that Ricardian information and the results of Ricardian research be made usefully and convincingly available to the educational and historical communities. Such information and the results of such research are generally made available to members of the Society through the Ricardian. Although we feel that many of the articles published in the Ricardian are worthy of serious regard, we nonetheless have strong misgivings about distributing the Ricardian, in its present form, to non-members.

We regard it as imperative that, if the Ricardian is to be generally distributed to non-members, its content be such as not to jeopardize the reputation of the Society or the historical view which the Society seeks to defend. We feel, for example, that the articles in the Ricardian have all too often displayed a one-sided and fanatical character; this inconsistency with the scholarly aims of the Society is likely to result in our historical position being dismissed as no more than an eccentric cause. Further, we feel that many of the historical articles fail to meet adequate standards of research, organization and style. Moreover, the internal news reports have more than once referred to distinguished scholars in a manner which is incompatible with academic propriety, and which therefore runs the risk of causing unnecessary offense, not only to individuals, but in the academic community generally. Finally, these same news reports seem often to be addressed to an overly limited audience of initiates, and to be cast in an inappropriate and often frivolous style.

The officers and members of the Eastern American Branch wish therefore to recommend that the Society modify the Ricardian so as to conform with the aim of circulating it among appropriate non-members. In particular, we wish to recommend that the following program be adopted.

1. The establishment of appropriate standards of acceptability for articles submitted for publication in the Ricardian.

2. The implementation of these standards by means of a procedure for having such articles refereed by members of the Society.

3. The separate printing of informal and personal material, still of vital interest to Society members, such material being attached only to those copies of the Ricardian sent to members of the Society.

4. The establishment of arrangements for subscriptions to the Ricardian for appropriate non-members, both individual and institutional.

By adopting this program, we feel that the Society will be able to make available to interested non-members the results of the research of the Society, which so often merit the attention of scholars and educators, without thereby incurring the risk of damaging the reputation of the Society and its cause.
ANOTHER AUTHOR REFERS TO RICHARD

Anne Gordon reports on another mysterious reference to 'our' mystery in fictional works. She writes:

All members of the society who are mystery story fans should be interested in a paragraph in Rex Stout's latest book "Death of a Doxy". His detective, Nero Wolfe takes a stand which indicates his sympathy (and the author's) with our Society. After talking about Wolfe's interest in the Rosenberg case the author (i.e. Archie ed.) goes on to say:

'Of course it was academic, since the Rosenbergs had been dead for years, but the young princes had been dead for five centuries and Wolfe had once spent a week investigating that case, after which he removed More's 'Utopia' from his bookshelves because More had framed Richard III.'

DEATH OF A DOXY, Rex Stout
Viking Press, 1966 p.58

It looks as if I have another author to write to.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR TRIP

The definitive arrangements for our projected trip to England are now being made in New York. The final details will be mailed to all of you as soon as the brochures are made up. The trip is being planned so that even friends who are non-Ricardians will be able to take advantage of the special group rates!

COMING IN FUTURE ISSUES

Some of the items coming up will include a summary of the Western Branch's October meeting, more profiles of members, and book reviews of old and new Ricardian (and non-Ricardian) books.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Although it is only four weeks since the revised list of members has come out, more have joined. We would like to welcome the following people into membership in the Society. We know that they would appreciate hearing from any of the 'older' members who would care to write.

Mr Maxwell S. Keigho
681 Harbor Lane
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149
(transfer from Western Branch)

Mrs Robert Bean
1 Terrace Drive
Rome, N Y

Mrs John Daugherty
Mr Tom Daugherty
486 Town Creek Drive
Lexington Park, Maryland 20653

Virginia L. Bowen
1035 N. Capitol Ave
Lansing, Michigan

Viola Neiman
130 East 39th St.
Peter Cooper Hotel
New York, New York

MEMBERS ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO LIBRARY

I notice that in the information cards, many of you have indicated that you are working on or have written papers fictional and non-fictional dealing with Richard. Will any of you who have at any time written anything about our subject please send copies to the library. Even if you consider their worth doubtful, someone else might find them of interest and value.

I might even quote from your work in the newsletter!
MEMBERS SHARE COMMON INTERESTS

This is the first of a series of articles on our members as they reveal themselves on the application card. (by the way, if you have lost yours, please let me know so I can send you another. If you have not returned it, please do so as soon as possible.)

Two of our members at least share a certain specific interest and desire in regards to Ricardian matters.

Mr. William Snyder, our regional director of the Washington area is interested in 'the uncovering and the legal aspects of the Richard III case.' He is working on a play designed to be interesting and at the same time to reflect modern revisionists' views from the legal viewpoint. Mr. Snyder is a member of the bars of Colorado and the U.S. Supreme Court and is the executive secretary of the Post Office Department Board and also the director of the executive secretary of the Office of the Postmaster General of the U.S. Post Office Dept.

Donald F. Lybarger stated in his original letter to me that 'as a student of English history I am one of those who does not believe that Richard III could be found guilty in a court of law of the murder of the young princes, his brother's sons, or of the other heinous acts attributed to him by the Tudor partisans and their uninformed successors.' In his application card he went on to further state 'If I had the time I should like to reconstruct an imaginary trial in which Richard's defense would be presented before a jury and have the Judge review the evidence and charge on reasonable doubt, etc....' Mr. Lybarger is the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Cuyahoga County, Ohio and has held that office since 1950. Since 1950 he has been elected without opposition. His civic interests are many and distinguished and he is also an author. I have copies of two volumes which he has written entitled 'Shakespeare and the Law' and 'Whatever Happened to Poetry.' They are fascinating, enjoyable, and informative reading material.

COMMON INTERESTS CONT.

Perhaps at sometime in the future Mr. Snyder and Judge Lybarger can get together and work on a play about Richard from the viewpoint of modern American Jurisprudence. I, for one, certainly hope that they will both be able to attend the April meeting in Pittsburgh, as I am sure that an interesting conversation would develop.

NOTES ON RICARDIAN BOOKS

Shine Out, Fair Sun, by Valerie Giles, is a simply written, well plotted novel about Richard III told from the viewpoint of his lifelong companion Francis Lovel. It covers the years 1461-1487, from Lovel's arrival at Middleham Castle to enroll as a page until his death, constant in his loyalty to his King and friend. The book is suitable for readers in their middle teens and pleasant for adults, scrupulously accurate to known facts.

Hardbound, dust-jacketed, six illustrations, four decorated title pages, and map, the book will sell for $3.50, and will be out next year. Pre-publication orders may be placed by postcard to Mrs. W. P. Haynes, 4149 25th St., Arlington, Va. Send no money, please.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

As you have noticed, the Ricardian Resolution is attached to this newsletter. A copy was sent to England with a long accompanying letter and I should be getting an answer soon.

As you are receiving this, our annual payment is going to England. For those of you who are not sure how our finances operate, $2.00 of each family membership, 50¢ of each regular fee, and 1.00 of each student fee is sent over to England to help with the finances there. This year we sent $136.00 over. As of now, we have 59 regular members, 20 student members, and 12 family members. If any of you notice a discrepancy in the figures, some members have paid ahead, and this money was sent over to England now in order to clear our records for the new year.
TWO AUTHORS, ONE ACTOR * ROYAL flush!

Andre Norton, the well-known author of science-fiction and science-fantasy novels, always known for their highly accurate historical references (see REGISTER 1), has consented to become an honorary member of the Society. Her letter to me accepting the membership reads in part:

"My acquaintance with Richard's life began years ago when I read the novel UNDER THE ROG. Then, of course, the key book really set me to searching out more about him. All the material I could uncover presented him as a sensitive, highly talented man, probably the best ruler of his line, had he been granted his chance to really hold England through a normal reign. And I still can not understand how the Tudors had the least right to the throne, their claim was founded folly on an illegitimate line. Also, comparing the character of Henry Tudor with Richard and anyone can see how badly England lost by the Battle of Bosworth..."

"I will be pleased and honored to accept the honorary membership you so generously offer me. Only wish that I lived close enough to attend some of what must be most interesting meetings."

Thank you very much indeed.

Sincerely,
Andre Norton

Authors, Actor, cont.

I have your letter and shall be delighted to be an honorary member of the Richard III Society. If being convinced that Richard did not kill the boys, and was framed, makes me a Ricardian, I am one...

Sincerely,
Rex Stout

The actor referred to in the headline is none other that the world famous actor-producer and director José Ferrer. Mr Ferrer, well known to all of us for his roles in OTHETIA, CYRANO DE BERGERAC, THE SHIRKE, and, most recently, MAN OF LA MANCHA. He is also known in the theatre for his magnificent directing and producing of STALAG 17 and THE FOURPOSTER. Mr Ferrer first became interested in Richard while performing in New York several years ago, through Alexander Clark. When Mr. hagurth made contact with him a few months ago in an effort to locate Mr Clark, Mr Ferrer was very interested in the Society and what we are doing, and was very pleased to accept an honorary membership.

I know that I speak for all of us when I say that we are ourselves honored by the presence in our membership list of two distinguished authors and a distinguished actor-producer-director.

Help Needed to Locate Reference

Nadia C. Elins reports that Robert Lewis Taylor has a book out, recently (12/23) reviewed in 'Book Week,' in which he refers to Richard. Does any member know the name of this book?
A most interesting letter was received this month from Mrs William Lichtenstein and as it is of general interest, I am reprinting it in full.

Today I found my thoughts turning to a subject which has always fascinated me. The curious family entanglements created by the limited arena for an advantageous marriage among the great English families of the Middle Ages, and although I know the majority of our members are well versed in Richard's family tree, from the roots up, I thought some might find my private reflections interesting.

Particularly interesting to me was the awareness that Richard and his brothers, through their mother Cicely Neville, were as true descendants by blood of John, Duke of Lancaster as was Henry the Sixth, although the bar sinister rears its ugly head here as it does in the family tree of Henry Tudor. It must be remembered that Joan Beaufort, Earl of Somerset, the ancestor of Margaret (Henry Tudor's mother), was one of four children born to Katherine Swynford and John of Gaunt during their illicit relationship and later declared legitimate by the Pope and Richard the Second, when the two married. John, Thomas - who became Earl of Exeter, Henry - later Cardinal Beaufort, and Joan, who became the second wife of Ralph Neville and fourth Baron Neville of Richmond, were maternal and paternal descendents of John, Duke of Lancaster, the great-grandson of Old John of Gaunt, time honoured Lancaster to borrow Shakespear's epithet.

Judith Lichtenstein

NEW MEMBERS AND ADDRESSES

The Society would like to extend a sincere welcome to the following members who have joined since the last REGISTER.

Alexander Clark
175 West 79th St.
N.Y., N.Y. 10024

Christopher Hogarth
207 Carpenter Ave.
Seacliff, N Y

Jose V. Ferrer
375 Park Ave.
N.Y., N.Y.

Diane Jayson
Box 330 Lake Forest College
Lake Forest, Illinois

Andre Norton
Route #1
Box 19-B
Maitland, Fla. 32751

Nancy Schmier
Howard School
West Bridgewater, Mass 12379
Home:
3 Lancaster Ave.
Lunenburg, Mass. 01462

Rex Stout
High Meadow
Brewster, N Y

Mrs Ernest G. Vetter
818 Turkey Run Road
McLean, Va. 22101
Mr
Mrs Clara C. Word
Lincoln Sq., Bldg.
Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

ATTENTION WASHINGTON AREA MEMBERS

Watch for the Shakespeare Society of Washington's RICHARD III at the end of February and early March. It looks as if it will be a good show, from local members' reports. It will be held at St. Thomas' Church Hall, 18th & P Sts. N W., Fri. & Sat. Evs, Sun. Matinee.
WEDDING BELLS FOR RICARDIANS

The above bells (if you can recognize them as such), are ringing for Mr and Mrs Smith Freeman. Mrs Freeman is the former Natalie C. Gallagher. They are both members of the Princeton Chapter and were married last month.

ANYBODY OWN A XEROX?

In our latest effort - revived - to arrange for reprints of the RICARDIAN, we need to know if any member can beat the price of 10¢ a sheet. At this price, the cost of the complete set is around $30. I don't think that many of you would want to pay that, so to repeat the headline, DOES anyone out there own a Xerox (or equivalent).

ELIZABETH OF YORK SPEAKS OF RICHARD THE THIRD

He stood before me, dark and still
And all my heart was torn with pain.

For him I loved; although men tell
That on him lies a bloody stain:

A dreadful Tower, grim and chill,
Where perished young my brothers twain.

Yet him I loved; and when he fell
On Bosworth Field my heart lay slain.

Susan Overby
1956

FURTHER NOTES ON PITTSBURG' MEETING

As of now, the meeting will be held in Pittsburg on Saturday, April 1. The time and place are not just yet set, but I would like to have some idea of how many of you are coming. If you have already told me that you plan to come, you don't need to write again, but if you haven't, please write and let me know.

NOTE TO WESTERN BRANCH

What you are receiving is our branch's monthly newsletter. This is the third issue, and material for future issues is piling up. We started this in an effort to make our members feel that they were in closer contact with one another than was possible geographically. We feel that it is succeeding. If you would like to participate in this venture, you may subscribe to the REGISTER for 75¢. Since our year runs Oct. - Oct., we will send you back issues you may have missed. You are of course welcome to contribute if you would like to.

In case you wonder about the name, it is in this paper that we register our opinions, thoughts, and discoveries Ricardian - as well as the names and addresses of new members who have joined.

Sincerely;
Jean Airey
Secretary-Treasurer
Eastern American Branch

BOOK LOOK

UNDER THE HOG by Patrick Carleton
E. P. Dutton & Co., N Y 1938

Very fine historical novel. Covers years 1470-85. Exceptionally well researched and detailed. Richard's character is particularly well-defined and sympathetic, probably the truest representation of him in fiction. He is devoted to his brother King Edward, his wife Anne, to England, to the cause of justice for the commons, and above all to the prevention of civil war which he considers to be the ultimate evil. All the individuals are well-rounded and believable and their relationships human and understandable. The story gives excellent glimpses of medieval life and thought.

Libby Haynes,
Reviewer
Our member being profiled this month is Rosalie B. Ehrlich (Mrs. Leonard I.), 14 Tideway, Kings Point, L.I., N.Y. She is a housewife, and a student. She is also the mother of three sons (all in college) and a daughter. In 1942 she discontinued studies at the U. of Michigan to marry and return to complete her B.A. in English Lit in 1960 at Adelphi U. She began her graduate work at Hofstra in 1963 in their English masters program. About her "interrupted" schooling she says "It has been one of the rewarding experiences of my life --- except for marriage and children --- and I recommend it to all older students whose college careers were interrupted for one reason or another."

She joined the Society in order to obtain information for a graduate thesis she is working on which compares History's Richard with Shakespeare's. She then became interested in furthering the cause of historical accuracy in general. She has several rough drafts of her thesis running to some 140 pages, and although she has had to discontinue her work at the University, she hopes to revise her paper for our library. She writes that she was "extremely impressed with the calibre of our members and the careers they are engaged in."

As you know, I have, as most of us probably have, been teased with the label 'crackpot' and after our last meeting, I no longer mind since it just 'ain't' so!
LATEST COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGLAND

If anyone wishes to show someone in the academic world some incontrovertible facts in Richard's favour, let them produce J. M. Melhuish's THE COLLEGE OF KING RICHARD III, MIDDLEHAM, of which we have a large stock at 35¢ each. The cover is a full colour version of Richard's coat of arms as Duke of Gloucester taken from his Garter stall plate, except that I (for I designed the cover) made the "mantling" red instead of blue, for some technical reason I forgot. This booklet is I am sure well designed to impress the scholar. You certainly have one in the library.

And then there is the formidable achievement of Mrs Lam in transcribing the English part (by far the larger part) of the Harleian MSS 433 in the British Museum, which gives us such an invaluable insight into all Richard's numerous interests and activities as reflected, mostly, by his secretary, because it is a docket book of various documents mostly grants, etc. This remains in typescript in the Society's bank (though it can be consulted by arrangement) because we have so far failed to find a Latinist conversant with medieval writing and Latin - to transcribe the Latin section. If this could be done we could try to find a publisher. But the fact that the English transcription of this valuable material has been done, and by a member of the Society, should never be forgotten.

Mrs Lamb thought we should suggest the Latin transcription to any American student coming over here who might be interested in such work.

I am very happy to be able to tell you that, largely as a result of the very generous donation of the American branch towards the Sutton Cheney memorial we have now been able to accept a revised estimate for executing the gold portions of the shield and roses, and the crown, in gold plating instead of the yellow enamel which was all we had aspired to before... We are enormously grateful to you, and are so glad that some of you will have an opportunity of seeing the memorial on August 20th.

Isolde Wigram
Hon. Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

To keep your listing of members up to date, the following members have joined since the last REGISTER.

Florence Greenberg
47 Featherbed Lane
Brooklyn, N Y 10542

Mr & Mrs William Buyers
7 Wilgar Road
Toronto 18, Canada

WANT TO BUY A BOOK?

Dorothy Marsden, 1109 Shasta St,
Vallejo, Calif. 94590, has an extra copy of Francis Leary's THE GOLDEN LONGING. If anyone would like to buy it, the cost is $1.49 plus postage.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY

ARTICLES DEALING WITH THE FRIENDS OF RICHARD III, INC. - Gift of Alexander Clark.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

If any of you did not receive the January RICARDIAN, please write to me and let me know.

The Pittsburgh meeting will be April 1. The final word on the place and time will come out in the March REGISTER - which will itself come out about the 20th to give members who are planning on coming to the meeting time to make their final arrangements. We hope to have some entertainment, possibly a speaker, and a presentation of the trip to England.

Since the March REGISTER will be cut early, it will probably not be as long as some have been - this is not because I don't have enough material, but because of the time involved in writing it.

If any of you have any Ricardian thoughts you would like to share with the other members, please send them to me and I will publish them.

I have run out of Postcards and Society Brochures. More are ordered from England, and as soon as they come in I will let you know. I do have some 'badges' available with the ring attachment. They are 75¢ apiece.
SUCCESSFUL MEETING FOR WASHINGTON MEMBERS

William H. Snyder, who was appointed as Regional Director for the Washington Area at the annual meeting, October 1, 1966, reports that a meeting of Washington members and other interested persons, was held on March 2.

The meeting was successful in both number and content. Fifteen persons attended and several others, who could not attend asked to be informed about the discussions. Elizabeth Haynes, Librarian of the American Branch, and Malvina Lindsay, formerly columnist for the Washington Post, were among those present.

The meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and began with desert, coffee, and cream sherry. This set the stage for a lively, extended and informative discussion. Several factors contributed to the success of the meeting.

Although we started with most as strangers, we ended as interested friends. To facilitate becoming acquainted with each other, each person was supplied with a "pastic" containing his name. We emphasized substantive discussion of Richard III, with a minimum of time on organization, by-laws, and dues (for the present, we will dispense with formal organization). Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Evelyn Ludlav made brief formal talks. These were followed by a round-robin, led by the regional director, in which everyone present had full opportunity to contribute. Several non-members said they wanted to join the Society, and we gave them Mrs. Airey's address.

We unanimously agreed to meet again in July.

William Snyder
Regional Director
Washington, B. C. Area.

THE WHAT SOCIETY????????

Libby Haynes writes that she is giving (or rather by now, has given) a talk on Richard starting from "the assumption that my audience never read Shakespeare, never heard of Richard, and couldn't care less." This must have been a most interesting talk, and I would like to have heard it, but it also brings up a question. What do you say when people ask you why we are so concerned about Richard? How do you try to explain the Society and its aims? If any of you would care to write and tell me, I think that it would make interesting reading in the next newsletter.

BOOK TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE U.S.

Miss Arlene B. Rosner writes:

..."In the January issue of THE RICARDIAN in a book review of BOSWORTH FIELD J. I. Coates, on Page 12, mentions Dr. E. L. Storey's book as rebuttal. Its title is THE END OF THE HOUSE OF LANCASTER. I did a little research... contacted (the New York Publisher) and they advised me that they will be publishing it on May 3, 1967. The publisher is: Stein & Day, Inc. 7 East 48th St., N Y , N Y . The price is $8.95 .... I thought our American members might like to know that the book will be available in the U.S."

I know that all of us who are trying to build libraries of Ricardian material are grateful to Miss Rosner for her invaluable information.

CORRECTION:

Florence Greenberg's address is the Bronx, N Y, not Brooklyn as stated in the last REGISTER.
NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN SOCIETY

Since the last REGISTER, the following members have joined the Society:

Pauline Glatstein
52 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Mr and Mrs Oscar Schloss
Bigelow Apts.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bobby Troka
250 East 67th St.
N. Y., N. Y. 10021

Mrs Myles Sacks
400 Ridgewood Ave.
Glen Ridge, N J

Mrs Charles Greenwald
360 West Bridge Drive
Berea, Ohio 44017

Kenneth Feldman
Capezio Fashion Shop
9 West 61st. St.
New York, N. Y. 10023

Ann L. McKernan
1425 N St. N W
Washington, D. C. 20005

Frederic Bosworth
21130 Aberdeen Road
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Mrs Richard Nielsen
2106 Arthur Ave.
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Mrs Colleen F. Snyder
21081 Aberdeen Road
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Herbert Appleman
11 Riverside Drive
New York, 23, N Y

Mrs Stanley N. Kahn
93D 5th Ave.
New York, N Y 10021

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

As you can see by the enclosure in this letter, we need more persons to qualify us for the tour. I am sure that we will be able to get them - however, here is an additional pep talk:

Ponzio Travel has worked very hard on this tour, to tailor it to our needs, and it does seem to be ideal. It is an excellent trip and an excellent price. This is an opportunity that should not be missed. Besides the enjoyment that the people going over will have, our treasury will benefit. We will receive the full cost of a tour for every fifteen persons who go, and we can use the money.

I would like to ask you to please spread the word of the tour around. Even if someone would only like to 'cash in' on the very low round trip price (airfare) it will be worth it to us. This tour - all, or any part - is open to non-Ricardians, so please try to help out in any way you can.

After conferring with the Ways and Means Committee, it was decided that in an attempt to raise money for our increasing postage costs, we would increase the cost of items offered by the Society to the members - this is an attempt to keep our dues down. As of this letter, then, the following prices will be in effect:

COLOR POSTCARDS: .20
BADGES: PIN TYPE .10
Key Ring - (can be worn on a necklace chain: 1.00
PAMPHLETS: .50

WANT TO REROUTE YOUR ARRIVAL??????

If any of the members would be interested in going first to Glasgow and then down to London, this can be very easily arranged - and at no change of price. Contact Betty Schloss and Ponzio Travel for further information.

When you arrive in London, you will find: antiques for sale, here and there; good theatres, everywhere; many galleries, worthwhile parks and architecture and — for the ambitious, the traditional London pubs, where 'What's yours' always brings a good reply.
LETTER FROM ENGLISH CHAIRMAN

...I won't waste your time by going over any of the arrangements for your stay over here. ...Suffice to say that I shall do what I can during your London week to smooth your trip and ensure that you see the maximum, with the minimum of exhaustion, waste of time and interference. We have a few pleasant occasions lined up for you and will see you too, some of us, at Bosworth Field and Leicester and again in London after that. I have written to a key member in Yorkshire about your visit.

Much sooner is another event of importance. This is the stage production of the two plays which have been written by Lydia Ragosin and were originally broadcast. So successful were they (and also two others in a medieval cycle, one on John of Ghaunt and one on Edward IV), that all four will be heard again this summer... perhaps while you are over. The two which concern us are 'A CRY OF TREASON' (Richard) and 'A CROWN FOR THE STRONG' (Henry VII). The theatre of which I have long been an Acting member, the QUESTORS OF Ealing commissioned Lydia to adapt them for the stage and they are now in the final weeks of rehearsal. We are showing them alternately for a fortnight and since the QUESTORS is just about the largest, oldest, and most famous Little Theatre (Amateur) in Great Britain, and since we have a truly revolutionary and wonderful new theatre, we expect the National Press to cover the performances.

I - for my sins am playing Lord Stanley... in both plays, of course. I am also acting as Historical Adviser and the Society is having an exhibition of 'Ricardiana' outside the auditorium in the foyer. Lydia Ragosin is a Richard III Society member; that is the significance of the occasion! She makes a brilliant and dramatic picture of the two Kings, is scrupulously fair minded and scholarly and makes BUCKINGHAM the instigator of the 'Princes' murder. Some of us don't agree with that line and prefer - as do the Wigram's most strongly - the theory of young Richard's survival and impersonation of Warbeck, but I always remind members that we must be tolerant and flexible in our views and conjectures and stick only to what we know... which is good enough to put Richard in proper historical perspective...

I shall be most interested to hear the names of your visiting party,
With best wishes,
Yours V. Sincerely;
Patrick Bacon
(Chairman)

MOST ENJOYABLE PITTSBURGH MEETING

A most enjoyable time was had by all those who were able to attend the Pittsburgh meeting. Among those present were Betty Schloss, Gretchen Clumpner, and Jean Airy. After a fascinating series of discussions in Mrs Schloss' apartment, sampling of various cheeses, Italian Olives, Flat Bread, and assorted beverages, the meeting was continued in the Bigelow Club swimming pool. (After all, it was a very hot day.) The party then went outside the building, rode the Duquesne Incline up the mountain and ate in a restaurant overlooking the Golden Triangle and the Bridge to Nowhere. We then returned to the apartment and saw slides of the some 400 miles of England that the English trip will cover. The day was most interesting and delightful.

Jean Airy
Secretary-Treasurer
**ANOTHER AUTHOR’S REFERENCE!**

From a letter from Libby Haynes:
"Here's another author for you. Mrs Richard Pyles mentioned to me THE SILENT FOOL by Patricia Wentworth. This is a modern mystery story; on page 56 is this paragraph:

"Our sainted Edna is enough to bore anyone. ...So why on earth Geoffrey married her just has to take its place as one of those insoluble mysteries along with the Man in the Iron Mask and Who Killed the Princes in the Tower. It's pretty certain Richard didn't, because if he had, Henry VII would have tumbled over himself to accuse him after the battle of Bosworth." ...The book was copyright 1953 by Patricia Wentworth Turnbull, published by J. B. Lippincott Co. Philadelphia and New York, 1954.

Libby also writes that NOTHING LIKE THE SUN is not a Ricardian novel. It has two brief mentions of Richard - in one of which, Shakespeare's Negro mistress, commenting on Burbage: 'Him I did see in Rish Hard de Turd'. Enough said??

**PAGING FONZIO**

One aspect of this trip - and of the travel agency organizing it - has not been sufficiently emphasized. That is the willingness of Ponzio to help you to see what you want to see in England. They would be most happy to obtain information on various plays which will be 'on' while we are over - if you should want to go to the theatre. Every good Englishman enjoys the races, and they will be glad to tell you which tracks are open (Ascot isn't) - and don't forget, bookies are legit over there. They can arrange special visits to spots like Broadcast House, British Museum, Govent Garden, British Design center, Lloyd's, the National Gallery, Scotland Yard, and, of course, shopping on Oxford Street for just about anything in the apparel line - if you're mod, of course, you might want to go to the real Carnaby Street! - and buy some originals.

In short, this is a personal travel agency, and a chance of a lifetime for you to customize your tour of England.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

As you can see by looking over the list of new members who have joined since November, our membership is rapidly growing. I also have had many people write for information - and who have said that they would like to join whom I have written to and not yet heard from. As I am working full time, I hope that you will forgive me if occasionally I get behind on my correspondence with you. There is one way in which you can help both me and the Society. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, it would be better if you would talk to them, show them the brochure, collect their dues and send them to me. All that I can do on an initial inquiry is to send the brochure anyway - unless I am asked a specific question about the Society, and personal contact for recruitment is much more effective. If any of you would like a brochure and/or application cards for this purpose, please let me know.

Next month will be the last month that I will be sending the REGISTER out from this address. I will be moving to Albany, N Y in June. My address up there will be: 368 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N Y. I will list it in the forthcoming REGISTERs.

**MEMBER NEEDS HELP**

Mrs William Lichtenstein would like to know if any member has a copy of or can tell her where to obtain a copy of THE ROSE OF RABY, by Evelyn Payne Ellis. It does exist - but we don't know where.

**NOTICE ON ‘KING RICHARD’S COLLEGE...’**

I do not have any copies of this. As a matter of fact, I haven't even read it myself - yet. However, I have ordered some from England, and will mail orders out as soon as said order comes in.

J.A.
SUMMARY OF WESTERN BRANCH'S LETTER

(This letter was sent to England in response to an inquiry as to the Western Branch's position on the Resolution)

...To summarize and incorporate my own views, I think our members hold a middle ground. We have enjoyed the RICARDIAN as it exists, including personal news notes and occasionally less than scholarly articles.

None of us is entirely convinced that the membership, consisting as it does largely of amateur students of history, can produce an annual scholarly journal on our subject. We are eager to see our views of Richard spread to anyone who learns 15th century history but this is my own opinion here. It may be that we can make strides in this direction in large part by individual members 'propagating the faith', so to speak, as we have been doing. I feel that much of the good the Society has done thus far has been made by individuals writing Letters to the Editor, by the memorials placed by the English branch, and by telling our story to acquaintances singly or in groups. (ED: hand written note on my copy: Possibly I am not ambitious enough??)

When we periodically have material suitable in import and composition for presentation to Historians, we approve of the production of a Digest for them.

For the purposes of a strictly-for-the-members publication, I'm sure none of us would object to high standards of research and presentation -- but I think that for this same purpose we also enjoy the "camaraderie" of the newsletter reflecting shared views and passing on personal news........

with best regards;
Nancy Wilson
(ED: comments welcome.)

ATTENTION: STUDENTS

If you would make arrangements to post the trip brochure on one of your school bulletin boards, with your name and address on it for people to make contact with, some of your fellow students, faculty, or visiting parents might be interested in taking advantage of this low cost offer - and it would help us.

BOOK LOOK

LOYALTY BINDS ME by Ruth Treven
Robert Hale Ltd., 63, Old Brompton Road, London S. W. 1, 1966 Price: £2.70 - includes postage and handling.

Biographical novel of Richard from his early adolescence to Bosworth. Emphasizing his total loyalty to Edward even to the seemingly permanent loss of his true love Anne, until the time comes when Richard cannot keep faith both with Edward's sons and with England. Plesantly written; not a great book but completely accurately researched. Richard is presented as a believable human being, kind, normal, honest, with a stern conscience and an appealing dry wit. The fate of the princes is handled in a way that could well be true: Richard suspected Buckingham of killing them but had no proof, and condemned himself for failing to recognize Buckingham's weakness and ambition, and giving him the power and means to reach the boys. Recommended as an excellent easy introduction to Richard's true character.

Libby Haynes, Reviewer

Members interested in purchasing this book are advised to write to England as quickly as possible, as it is going out of print, and a second edition is not anticipated.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

THE GOLDEN LONGING: by Francis Leary, gift of Miss Dorothy E. Marsden
Gift of Miss Rae T. Lewis.

Mrs. William P. Haynes
4149 25th St.
Arlington, Va.
LETTER FROM ENGLISH CHAIRMAN

(refering to the production of the two plays mentioned in the last REGISTER)
The occasion was a pronounced artistic success and drew an approving criticism in the TIMES among other papers. We enjoyed about 85% capacity house and a total audience of nearly 4,000 people. What with that and the amount of direct and indirect Ricardian publicity which we managed to enjoy, plus the new members we enrolled, plus the profits we made on the exhibition outside the theatre, it was quite an event.

I have asked Miss Ragosin to let me know as soon as she hears what dates the BBC are fixing for the revival over the radio of her whole cycle of four historical plays in case either the Richard or the Henry one coincides with your visit.

Plans are going ahead for our various meetings with you and we are excited at the prospect of meeting you all and anxious to have some time for serious round-the-table discussion on the subject of the RICARDIAN and other policy matters. This will, of course, be debated at the council meeting at Leicester which you will be attending but we need informal talks first.

Patrick Bacon

WASHINGTON REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

I am preparing something re your comment on page 1 of the March issue on explaining why we are so concerned about Richard III. Perhaps, this would be a good subject for discussion also at a 'Roundtable' at the annual meeting.

I'm also working on the article on Richard's legislation, and its significance for us - in between extensive field trips with the Postmaster General's Presidential Advisory Board!

William Snyder

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Articles by R. J. A. Bunnett:

SIR EDWARD BRAMPTON
JOHN OF GLOUCESTER, bastard son of Richard, Duke of Gloucester (also Katherine Plantagenet and Richard Broome)
DID THE PRINCES LEAVE THE TOWER?
DID THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM MURDER THE TWO PRINCES?

gifts of Mr. Bunnett

"Minster Love," a short story by Valerie Giles - gift of Miss Giles

"The Fall of the House of York" Xerography of Chapter XX of THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND FROM THE ACCESSION OF RICHARD III (1377-1485) by Sir Charles Oman. This is the 'Sir Cuthbert Oliphant' quoted in THE DAUGHTER OF TIME.

Gift of Elizabeth Haynes

NAME CHANGE

Kay J. Doebner to Kay J. Peterson.
TEXTBOOK GIVES RICHARD FAIR DEAL

Frank Hoffman writes:
I would also like to call your attention to a college textbook dealing with Richard -- Taylor Littleton and Robert R. Rea: TO PROVE A VILLAIN: THE CASE OF RICHARD III (Macmillan Co., 1964). This is a freshman English text of a type called a easebook, providing a full range of readings on a specific subject — its purpose is to provide both primary and secondary source materials for student compositions. Despite the implications of the title, there is no bias in the book -- it is a strictly neutral collection of source texts. (Here follows a list of the texts — and they are quite complete in range and depth)... The book concludes with suggested writing and research topics, a good bibliography, and a genealogical chart from Edward III to Henry VII.

If any of you live near enough to a campus bookstore, you might be able to have them order it for you. It certainly sounds like a good investment.

NEW MEMBERS

A sincere welcome is extended to these new members:
Robert L. Curry
2563 Fenwick Road
University Heights, Ohio 44118

Lowell E. Sochnoff
105 West Adams St.
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Christel Stevens
4216 Underwood St.
University Park, Md. 20782

Madeline Dejosa
P.O. Box 389
University Heights, Ohio 44118

NEEDLEWORK AVAILABLE

Anne M. Gordon, 164 Congress St., Brooklyn, N.Y. has available for members a hand worked reproduction of Richard's seal. This comes complete in a gilt frame and the total cost is $15. Please order directly from her. The needlework is beautifully done.

PORTRAIT OFFER RENEWED

11x14 reproductions of the National Gallery portrait of Richard are again available for $3.00 and a seal from the inside of Maxwell House instant coffee — write to Libby Haynes.

BOOKS BEGIN NEW YEAR

Any members joining after this newsletter will be listed as 67-68 members, although library privileges begin immediately. If any of you want to renew your membership now, please feel free to do so.

LETTER FROM ENGLAND

(Regarding my question as to the apparel of the other sisters at the party where Anne and Elizabeth wore the same dress) We don't know what the other sisters were wearing...but Clenady, who was very near Elizabeth in age was probably there, and the Croyland monk shakes his head over "vain changes of apparal". (I thought there was a chance that they all could have dressed alike)

(Regarding my wondering if Edward's failure to regularize his marriage was to give Richard a chance to take over if a minority Wood yille reign seemed in the offing) I must admit I have often wondered why Edward did not regularize his marriage with Elizabeth Woodville, especially after Clarence had so nearly spilled the beans. Perhaps it couldn't be done without a Papal dispensation, and then it might have got out. But I suppose it is always possible he did leave Richard a loophole on purpose. Referring to Clarence, a member had recently sent me a very interesting article about him by Hugh Ross Williamson in the DECEMBER number of HISTORY TODAY. Why no one of all our members happened to see this at the time and tell us about it I don't know. (She goes on to discuss the difficulty of obtaining even this one back copy - and our desire to obtain more...can any of you help? Even a xerox of a library's copy would be worthwhile)

Yes, the answer to the question of why we are so concerned with Richard is a pher, isn't it? I know the answer, up to a point...Of course the people who take up his cause are concerned that the truth should be told and justice be done, but that begs the question why this particular truth or justice in this particular case when there are so many cases of historical injustice. True, Richard has had a lot of publicity, especially in the latter years, but that only leads up back to the few original people who cared so passionately about this case that (as in the case of Josephine Tey) they saw to it that the truth was told in a manner which would get it the greatest publicity. Then why did she, and the other pioneers, care so much? I can only say that there is a spiritual force behind the Ricardian movement... I think we are now moving out of the phase of the original spiritual impetus into a phase of what one might call 'intellectual consolidation', and that is where you Americans come in! But of course only part of that can ever be given to people as an explanation. Perhaps it's the mystery of it which is such fun.

All good wishes,
Isolde Wigram

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

There is a chance that I will be living in Atlanta Georgia next year. If this comes about, I will have a chance to inform you in the June REGISTER - or else send you all a letter, but unless you hear otherwise, write to me at the Delmar address.
(EDITOR’S NOTE: The following article was written by Patrick Bacon, the English Chairman, and published in England before the recent presentation of the two Ragosin plays - covered in the last RICARDIAN and REGISTER. The complete text of the article will be available from the library.)

...It can be seen then, that THE CORRUPTIBLE CROWN is no Wars of the Roses charade. It is NOT a 'who dunnit' obsessed with the fate, or escape, of those overwritten little boys in the Tower who have so long been the focus of 'pop' historians. It is NOT a dried up text book about a bunch of puppets. Its characters are vividly recognizable from their modern counterparts in Ealing, Westminster, and Yorkshire. But the really important fact to remember, as you settle in your seat for your dose of historical dynamite is this. The controversy over what happened in those years is not new but 200 years old. The modern spate of biographies, fiction, radio, television, and journalism on every level about these reigns is only an extension of a re-thinking of History which effectively started with Horace Walpole’s bombshell treatise in the mid 18th century.

Patrick Bacon

REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISITS ENGLAND

William Snyder, director of the Washington area, writes that during his visit to England he and his wife were able to see many Ricardian sites, as well as enjoy a pleasant visit with the Wigram's in London and the Kincaids in Oxford.
HAS ANYONE SEEN A DAUGHTER??

Hope Luder, 112 Wetherbee Road, Waltham, Mass. 02154 writes:

I wonder if you would have any suggestions as to how I can get hold of a copy of THE DAUGHTER OF TIME? I want several copies to give friends, but the Dell edition is out of print, and Penguin books won't sell it in this country. Could I pay someone in the English branch to buy it and send it to me? I had even thought of using it in a history class in future, as an example of the power of propaganda or some such thing. And now I can't get it! I would be most grateful for any suggestion. (EDITOR'S NOTE: I realize that many of you have this problem - possibly someone has solved it. If so, please write both Miss Luder and me for future reference. I only have one copy myself - and it barely survived a drowning, so it is not in the best of lending condition.)

I've written both a term paper and a short play about Richard for college courses. The play might possibly be of some interest to others, but it is not now typed in English as I wrote it for a foreign language course! (EDITOR'S NOTE: Will all of you please remember that we would like copies of all Ricardian works that you write for the library.)

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Mr Bunnett wrote that he would provide our branch with copies of all his articles which we did not have and for which he had duplicates -- about thirty of them, I think. However, he thought the postage would come to quite a lot and hoped we could help him out with it. I sent him two pounds from the library funds as I thought it was worthwhile to get the articles.

...I also asked Mr. Bunnett to include copies of the twelve or so articles which we do not have and which he has no duplicates of, promising to copy them, handling them carefully and return them promptly by return mail...Libby Haynes.

MEMBERS TO MEET IN NEW YORK

An informal meeting of the members will be held in New York on June 25th at the Friar Tuck Inn at 3rd and 55th St. at 6:00 P.M. This will be a Dutch Treat affair with menu prices ranging from $1.00 up as high as a full course meal. Members expected to attend the meeting are José Ferrer, who will give a talk, Alexander Clark, who will tell about The FRIENDS OF RICHA III Inc., Mrs Stanley Kahn, widow of the co-founder of the FRIENDS, and Mr Herbert Appleman, who owns the performance rights to THE DAUGHTER OF TIME and Maxwell Anderson's unpublished play dealing with Richard.

Any member who wishes to attend is welcome - just notify Mr Hogarth before June 25th so that we have enough restaurant space.

MEMBER LECTURES TO SCHOOL

Miss Susan Hogarth, a Senior at North Shore School in Glen Head, L.I., recently gave a talk about Richard and the Society to nine ninth grade classes at her school. The talk was very well received, the students were very much interested by the topic, and several prospective members have been discovered.

OFFICERS COMBINE TALENTS?? ?

As some of you know, I have been working on a Ricardian play and a Science-Fiction type novel. Libby Haynes has now joined with me in a collaborative effort, and perhaps by the annual meeting we will have some results to show you. At any rate, the novel is certainly different from any others written on the subject!

BOOK LOOK

THE SWAN AND THE ROSE by Franc Leary. A. A. Wyn, N Y 1953. Histori Fiction. Covers the months of April and May, 1471 - Lancastrian Point of view. All ascertainable facts are correct; the prose is overdone and flowery, but there is a cohesive plot.

Librarian
HOW TO USE THE LIBRARY

It has come to our attention that the library is not being used as much as it should be. Since this is probably because not all of you are certain how to use it, here is information for its use.

If you see something on the main library list, or on one of the supplements, which are published in the REGISTER, just write to Mrs. Elizabeth Haynes, Librarian, 4149 25 St. N., Arlington, Va. 22207, and tell her what you want. We will pay the postage for the item to be mailed to you, you are responsible for the return postage. Please return items the same way that they are mailed packaging, class of postage, etc. We have no definite time limit on loans, but should someone else write for the same article, Mrs. Haynes will notify you and when you are finished with the material, you should mail it to the next person who wants it.

CLARENCE SWIMS AGAIN

Several REGISTERS ago, I mentioned that the English Branch was anxious to obtain an article about Clarence which was published in a December HISTORY TODAY. Two of our members promptly acted on the request. Miss Maud French sent the English Branch several Xerox copies, and Dorothy Marsden has sent our own library two copies. Many thanks to two responsible members.

REPORT ON WASHINGTON MEETING

July 7, 1967

The meeting last night was pleasant and went off well, though attendance was rather small. We had strawberry shortcake and sherry, with a toast to King Richard on the four hundred eighty fourth anniversary of his coronation. Mr Snyder showed slides of Ricardian sites that they had visited on their recent trip including one of the bones of Clarence and Isabelle Neville in their glass case in the vault of Tewkesbury Abbey, and the sacristy door in the Abbey which is plated with pieces of armour picked up after the battle in 1471. One picture gave a very clear idea of the lay of the land and the form of the battle. In addition to the Haynes and Snyders, the guests were: Mrs Gertrude Vetter, Mrs Fannie Wilson, a fourteenth generation descendant of Richard's niece Anne St. Leger; Mrs Malvina Lindsey Pyles, Mr Stuart Silverman, and Miss Jeanne Rose, research librarian for Arlington County.

MEMBERS VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

The Western Secretary writes that she has had very pleasant visits recentl: with Mr William Snyder, regional director of the Washington area, and Miss Maud French, the new regional director of the New Hampshire area.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Arthur Kincaid is doing an edition of Buck for his thesis, and would like to hear from any member who knows of any reference to this work in any century to write him: 29 Southmoor Road, Oxford, England.
DAUGHTER OF TIME FOUND

In response to the request by Hope Luder in the last REGISTER for extra copies of a DAUGHTER OF TIME, we have been deluged with places to order copies from. Miss Wigram writes that the English Branch can always obtain copies for us - our own member, Katherine Kellock, while visiting in England, was able to purchase one in the book shop at Westminster Abbey and in so doing discovered a nest of Ricardians! The clerk commented to Mrs Kellock that they don't usually carry detective stories, but that this one was different, and wasn't it a fine book and hasn't he been treated badly? They also had a card posted giving the name and address of the Society and some of our achievements! Since none of the people in the shop belongs to the Society, the English branch is more than pleased at this discovery of hidden Ricardian partisans.

Mrs Kellock also writes that a book store in England which she can highly recommend is Dillon's University Book Shop, 1 Malet St., London, W. C. 1, England. She writes: "It is surrounded by the University of London, gets out its own catalogues, and it even took my check on a Washington band and had the books here in Washington, this last time, a month after I bought them at the counter. They are particularly good on history. And they carry all kinds of paperbacks. I saw Tey there."

She also warns: "I would never under any circumstances buy from the much touted Foyles. Some years ago I went in and bought a series - around 10-12 copies of 18th century issues of the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE. They arrived loose in a long sack, with the covers broken off in many cases. (I've also discovered they never know where one can buy other books) When I wrote to complain of the condition of the copies of the GM, they wrote back a tittery note that said, in effect, 'dear, don't expect books that are done by one of our temporary employees.'" Perhaps the best word of a source of copies comes from the Chairman of the Canadian Branch, William J. Buyers, 7 Wilgar Road, Toronto 18, Ontario. He writes that he will be glad to obtain copies of the Penguin edition which, by the way, has both Richard's and Henry's portraits on the cover, so if you like, you may order directly from him. The cost of the book is 3/6.

For those of you who would like to be able to expose your friends to more of the controversy as well as have a reliable source of information on hand for yourself, the book we can most highly recommend is TO PROVE A VILLAIN, by Littleton and Ray. This book includes a complete copy of DAUGHTER OF TIME, as well as other Ricardian material - pro and con. It is an invaluable book and one that every member should have. You can order it at the following address:

Order Dept.
The MacMillan Co.
Font and Brown St.
Riverside, N.J. 03075

It is a paperback book, very well bound and the cost is a most reasonable $2.60 plus your local tax. If everyone who plans to attend the annual meeting gets this book and reads it, we will indeed have some interesting discussions.

CHAINS FOR PENDANTS

Those of you who have purchased the pendant type of badge will notice that it is very difficult to find a chain that matches the gold color of the badge. Mrs William Hogarth has located a source of matching chains. If you would like to order one, please write directly to her: 207 Carpenter Ave, Seacliff, N.Y. The cost, including shipping is $1.75.
NEW MEMBERS

Our first group of new members for the new year looks very promising, and I know we all welcome them into the Society.

Edwin Dean
Norton Lane
Framington, Conn. 06032

Mrs Jane Fletcher
Box 1076
Rollins College
Winter Park, Fla.

Miss Jean Fletcher
Box 1076
Rollins College
Winter Park, Fla.

Mrs Katharine B. Neilson
98 Garden St.
Hartford, Conn. 06105

Mr and Mrs Peter Stanford
16 Fulton St.
NY, NY, 10038

Miss Marcia Weinstein
Apt 3K
18 Harbour Terrace
Perth Amboy, N.J.

SECRETARY + NEWSLETTER = EDITOR

Since I am presently serving the Society in both capacities, I look upon mail to me as mail to the Editor - so if you do not want any material published, please notify me in your letter!!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs and Mrs David Hedges
253 Shakespeare Drive
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

NOTES ON A NEW MEMBER

Peter Stanford, who joined at the New York meeting, is the director of the South St. Seaport Museum at 16 Fulton St. He is the organizer and moving spirit behind New York's own version of the Mystic sailing ship.

On his application, Mr Stanford notes that he and his wife are interested in "all that existed in Merrie England before the calculating Tudors, ineffectivestuarts and generally lamentable Hanoverians took hold."

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

A date for the annual meeting of the Richard III Society has been set. We will meet in New York City on September 30. Plans are underway now to locate a suitable meeting place, and you will be notified as soon as a place is found. The meeting will be an afternoon meeting and include an optional dinner. We will have a competent professional lecturer on some facet of our field, and since there will be very little business to discuss, other discussions will be arranged - although on what format has not been decided. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome. The executive board is also hoping to arrange Ricardian activities for Friday night and Sunday afternoon. Thus you might say that this year there will be a Ricardian convention in New York. We would be interested in knowing how many of you would be able to attend such activities - obviously not everyone who attends the meeting will be able to attend everything else, but we think that we can arrange a most enjoyable weekend. You may invite INTERESTED friends to the meeting, but please make sure that they are interested, and not just curious - and let us know that they are coming!

PLEASE fill out the enclosed meeting slip and return it to me as soon as possible. Thank you.
As you have probably noticed, this is a double mailing. Because of the amount of work which has gone into this, and because we expect to be very busy after the memorial notice goes out, this is also a double issue of the REGISTER.

I had a lovely vacation, and am now working as a budget analyst for the Narcotics Control Division of N, Y, State. On my way up from Englewood, I stopped and had a most enjoyable visit with Andre Norton and the Fletchers in Maitland. After a delicious dinner, we talked for several hours about a wide variety of subjects including the various ramifications of Heraldry.

The prayer of Richard's which is enclosed is courtesy of Mrs Katherine Kellock and was used at the Sutton Cheney dedication service which Mrs Kellock attended.

The list of questions and answers about Richard is revised from the copy used by the Friends of Richard III, inc. and comes to us courtesy of Mr Alexander Clark, the founder of the Friends. I have more copies available if you need some. We are working on the production of a wallet size card along these same lines, and will be glad to have any suggestions for the smaller card.

The questionnaire which is enclosed is to be filled out by everyone - and I must have your zip code, otherwise I cannot guarantee that your mail will continue to reach you. As noted, the questions are optional, but we would like to have you answer as many as you can.

Please note on the meeting slip what your plans are concerning the meeting. If you are certain one way or the other, please tell us, if you are planning on trying to come, but cannot be sure until later, please note that too. When we get a place, we want to be sure that there will be room for everyone.

If the dates on your membership card are 66-67, then your dues are due before October 31.

IF THE DATES ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD ARE 66-67, THEN YOUR DUES ARE DUE BEFORE OCTOBER 31.

$3.00 adult, $2.00 student, $4.50 family

You will also find attached to this mailing a stamped, addressed envelope. You may return it with as many of the following as you wish - the questionnaire, the meeting notice, and/or your dues. You will be able to pay your dues at the meeting. I would like to have the questionnaire and the meeting notice returned as soon as possible.

LAST NOTICE FOR PORTRAIT

If there is anyone else who would like to order the 11x14 color linen finish portrait of Richard, will you please notify Libby Haynes, 4149 25th St. N, Arlington, Va. 22207 before August 31. Please enclose a check for $3.00 and an inner seal from Maxwell House Coffee.

MESSAGES FROM ENGLAND

Patrick Bacon, the Chairman of the English Branch, writes that he and his wife will be visiting the States in October and will be in New York for a few days around October 22. He would be interested in meeting some of our members.

Miss Isolde Wigram, secretary of the English branch, writes that they have just got a Xerox copy of a TUDOR defence of Richard which was mentioned by Buck and more particularly by W1 Gordon Zeeveld in the publications of the Modern Language Aspiration of America in 1940. Unfortunately the unknown defender swallows the Tudor accusations hook, line, and sinker, but dreams up some very ingenious justifications for them.
RICARDIAN REFERENCE REVEALED

Libby Haynes has found another favorable reference to Richard in MY LORD OF CANTERBURY, by Godfrey Turton, Doubleday and Co., Garden City, NY 1967, a Literary Guild Selection. This is a biographical novel of Thomas Cramner, Henry VIII’s archbishop written in the form of his memoirs. The following quote begins on p. 7.

It has been the custom in my lifetime to condemn the Kings of the House of York and contrast their faults with the merits of the Tudors. King Richard III in particular is represented as a monster so deformed in body and soul as to be scarcely human. I myself of course can only speak of him from hearsay, but I must admit that in many of the conversations to which I listened as a boy in Nottinghamshire well out of the earshot of the authorities, conversations among men to whom his reign was a recent memory, a much more favorable and more credible portrait was drawn. There was a wool merchant who used to visit us every summer after shearing time, travelling from the North down the Fosse Way. His own home was at York, and he spoke openly of the popularity enjoyed by King Richard and the respect still paid to his memory there. He himself saw the King riding through the town, and he declared emphatically that there was no sign of any deformity, although he looked carefully, having heard tales of a weakness in one of the King’s shoulders. Whatever the weakness may have been, it was not of a kind to mar the appearance of a well-set figure and stern but gentle face.

That is the evidence of an eyewitness who saw King Richard, the last of the Plantagenets, in the flesh, and it recurs to me whenever the ignorant repeat the official legend of a mishapen bogey-man. I begin to wonder too how much truth there is in the moral enormities ascribed to him. The picture which I have received of his short reign from those who lived in it is of great expectations bitterly disappointed, a false dawn heralding prematurely, but nonetheless indubitably the end of the long night of the civil wars. When his brother, King Edward IV, died undisputed ruler of the country the victory of the White Rose seemed to be secure, and men at last dared to believe that peace lay ahead. The only lingering source of uneasiness, only enemy able to blight the prospect was that very Henry Tudor whom we honour today as the founder of peace and prosperity. Whether King Richard would have justified the nation’s hopes we cannot know. Henry Tudor invaded with French support, won the battle of Bosworth and the throne of England, and his fellow adversary has earned the ignominy due to those who are dead and unable to reply."

I will be getting in touch with Mr Turton and further explore his Ricardian tendencies.

THE MEMORIUM NOTICE

As is our custom, we will be placing an In Memoriam notice in the August 22 issue of the New York Times. This year will mark the 432nd anniversary of Richard's death.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

QUEST CROSSTIME, Ace Publications, by Andre Norton, a gift of the author
LOYALTY BINDS ME, by Ruth Traven, a gift of Elizabeth Haynes

NEW SUBSCRIBER

A new subscriber to the REGISTER is Mrs Doris Mattingley
133 Canterbury Road
Blackburn, 3130, Victoria, Australia
The annual meeting of the Richard III Society, Eastern American Branch, will be held on Saturday, September 30th, 1967, at the John Barleycorn Restaurant, 209 East 45th St. New York City. Members will assemble at noon for a luncheon meeting. The price of $5.50 will cover all expenses and gratuities.

The guest speaker will be Miss Bonnie Young, Senior Lecturer at The Cloisters, the great repository of medieval art of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Miss Young has done original work and research in the Plantagenet period, particularly in reference to a tapestry in the Collection from the home of Richard's Captain of the Port of Calais. Her article in the Museum BULLETIN, slides, and discussion of those items of special interest in the Collection will be of interest to all Ricardians.

Mrs Schloss and Miss Clumpner will report on the highly successful Ricardian Tour of England this past August, and bring greetings from the English Officers. By the time of the meeting, plans will be presented for the 1968 Tour as well.

Mr William Snyder of the Washington Ricardians will show his color slides of the English sites associated with Richard III, and report on the tour which he and Mrs Snyder enjoyed this year.

We will also enjoy an syllabub, muske on divers ancyente vstrumentes and a few surprises.

Members are urged to plan a two day celebration of Richard's birthday this year, for Miss Young has arranged a special tour for Society members of The Cloisters on Sunday, October 1.

Your officers urge all members to take advantage of this exciting opportunity to see the greatest medieval collection in the United States. New York area members who know the collection will receive additional insight into the 15th century and art of the Middle Ages from this especially arranged tour. Directions will be given at the meeting for a Cloisters tour at 1P.M. Sunday.

If anyone finds it impossible to attend the meeting, but can still attend the tour, please notify the Secretary. If you have already notified the Secretary that you will definitely be attending, we will make your reservations for you. If you checked that you would notify us, please let us know as soon as possible if you are coming. New York area members who find a change in their plans enabling them to attend may call Mr. Hogarth. You are welcome to bring as many friends as you like - but let us know that they are coming.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A most hearty welcome is extended to the following members who have joined since the last REGISTER.

Mr Cleveland Amory
140 West 57th St.
N.Y., N.Y. 10019

Mrs Maxwell Anderson
141 Downes Avenue
Stamford, Conn.

Brandon J. Blick
South St.
Litchfield, Conn.

Mrs Joan Detweiler
Davenport Drive
Stamford, Conn.

Runyon G. Ernst
596 Barron Ave.
Woodbridge, N.J. 07095

Lynn D. Gordon
527 W. 113th St. Apt 2F
N.Y., N.Y. 10025

Hon Theodore R. Kupferman, M.C.
30 West 44th St.
N.Y., N.Y. 10036

Mr and Mrs E. Osman
1034 Lexington Ave.
N.Y., N.Y. 10021

Isa Ragusa
30 W. 12th St.
N.Y., N.Y. 10011

Mrs Josiah Schneider
340 Old Army Road
Scarsdale, N.Y.

Hillary R. Weisgrau
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Bronx, N.Y. 10461

JUST MADE THE PRESSES:
Harold Hack
106 West Avenue
Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

Crockett Johnson
74 Rowayton Ave
Rowayton, Conn

RECEPTION FOR ENGLISH CHAIRMAN

A cocktail party/reception will be held for Mr and Mrs Patrick Bacon on October 21st at the Drake Hotel on E. 56th and Park Ave., New York City from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. We hope that as many of our members as possible can will attend - in order to thank the Bacons for the hospitality they showed our tour and all other Ricardians touring England. Please notify the Secretary if you would be interested in attending We will be mailing invitations to those who can attend later in the month. Please notify us as soon as you can.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Many thanks to those of you who have paid your dues for next year - you will notice that your dues cards are enclosed in this mailing.

Many more thanks to those of you who made donations along with your dues payment. Our deepest thanks go to you, as it is really on the basis of donations that the Society can prosper and act - we can just barely survive on the amount given in dues. We do not want to raise our dues, and even small donations help us to keep the dues low enough for everyone.

The response to the memorial was as enthusiastic as usual, and I am still answering letters - and receiving word of new members.

For those of you who have not yet paid, remember that if I do not receive your payment by October 31, we will have to drop you from the rolls - so check your card, if it says 66-67, your dues are due! If you are attending the meeting you may pay your dues there.

It seems that I worded one of the questions on the questionnaire badly - the question should have read - Who do you think killed the Princes? I am very well aware that the definitive answer is not available. Next month we hope to have a report on the questionnaire - and some very interesting comments.

Jean Airey
RESULTS OF BOARD MEETING

At an informal board of Officers' meeting following the regular meeting, it was decided that we would take steps to incorporate in the coming year. The advantages of such a move are many, not the least of which, that your dues and contributions would become tax deductible. We could also go on to declare as a non-profit organization, which would help to lower our postal costs.

Last year many of you responded to the fund raising campaign for Sutton Cheney above and beyond the sum we requested. This year some of you have already been most generous with your donations - may we suggest that a token gift of one dollar from each member who has not already donated would almost completely defray the cost of incorporation? If you would like to donate for this purpose, your money will be set aside in a separate fund until such time as it is needed.

NOTICE OF ADDRESS CHANGES

Stuart B. Silverman
4843 Linnean Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Clara Wood
P.O. Box 458
East Spencer, N.C. 28039

RICARDIAN RECEPTION

We look forward to a very substantial welcome for Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bacon on October 21st, in New York. If you plan to attend, please advise:

Gretchen Clumpner
250 E. 67th St.
New York City
Tel: 212 LE5-0193
so that we can count on your support.

MEMBER FINDS LIBRARY MATERIAL

Mrs. Edward Schweser writes "(While on the tour) among the many arrangements made for us was the opportunity to see the actual records of the city of York during Richard's reign, as Duke, as well as, later, King. Someone had copied out the entries relating to Richard, written in present day English, and had a binder fastening it together. It consisted of 17 pages, and I asked Anne Middleton if it would be possible to get a copy. She promised to try and said she would send it to you since she had your address." Mrs. Schweser has further offered to have this document copied when it arrives, and it will be an invaluable addition for the library.
PLANTAGENET FICTION, NON-FICTION

Andre Norton writes that there are three new books out dealing with the War of the Roses. The first is LORD JASPER, which deals with the romance of Owen Tudor and Katherine - a field not usually explored, TO DREAM UPON A CROWN, by Williamson, which came out last month, published by Knopf, and CHALLENGE FOR A THRONE by Hamilton, to be published this month by Dial Press.

The latter two are slanted toward the older teen readers, but might prove interesting. Miss Norton will give us a report on LORD JASPER as soon as her copy arrives from England. She also wonders if any of the members - besides me - might be interested in an off-beat, ghost type story which came out some years back - Eyre's LUTE AND THE GLOVE - which deals with another outshoot of the White Rose Clan - Courtney, the Earl of Devon, and is laid in the present time. She warns that is is probably out of print and could only be found in a second-hand book store. There is a paperback version available.

Another new book coming out is titled THE PLANTAGENETS, by John Harvey and is published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc. What sort of a book this is, I cannot tell. The price is listed as $1.95, and it seems to have been published in England originally. It is described as a 'learned, informative and entertaining description of the thirteen Plantagenet Kings of England, handsomely illustrated.' Now, what the publishers think of as 'consummate scholarship' and what we would consider the same may not agree, but it might be an interesting book to explore - and to review for us!

CHANGE IN METHOD NOTED

Mrs W. E. Benson sends in a clipping in which the following quote occurs: "The program (in New York City Public Schools) is designed to stimulate more emphasis on thought, discussion, and individual research as opposed to the traditional system of memorizing dates and facts." and notes that at least there is hope that someday both sides of the Ricardian controversy will be taught in the high school.

RICHARD III ON CAMPUS

Miss Lydia Fish and Mr Frank Hoffman have indicated that they intend to use TO PROVE A VILLAIN as a controlled research theme with their classes at Buffalo State University. Perhaps the professors could combine their talents and do a paper for the RICARDIAN on the conclusions of their students! It would certainly be an interesting topic.

MORE CHANGES

Miss Marcia Weinstein is now Mrs Richard Stern - Mr Stern is also a member. Mrs William Snyder is joining the ranks of members, as is Mrs Herbert Appleman and Dr. Charles Greenwald! Michael Kilgore, son of Dr. and Mrs Kilgore, is a new familial addition - to the Society, not the Kilgore's. A most hearty welcome to all!
NEW MEMBERS

As usual, the in memoriam notice has resulted in quite a crop of new members. We would like to welcome them all into the Society, and hope that they will enjoy many happy years with us.

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JUST MADE THE PRESSES:

Mr. and Mrs Wm. Shallek
5 Cottage Place
Nutley, N.J.
The annual meeting of the Eastern American Branch of the Richard III Society was held this year on September 30 at the John Barleycorn in New York City. Attending the meeting were:

Mr William Hogarth, Co-Chairman
Dr. Donald Kilgore, Co-Chairman
Mrs William B. Airey, Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs Elizabeth Haynes, Librarian
Dr. David Rosenthal, Chairman, Princeton Chapter
Mr William Snyder, Regional Director, Washington Area
Mrs William Hogarth
Miss Susan Hogarth
Mrs Donald Kilgore
Michael Kilgore
Mrs William Snyder
Natalie G. Altman
Janet K. Schneider
Richard Stern
Marcia Stern
Julia Blick
Brandon Blick
Lisa Ragusa
Olga Ragusa
Mr and Mrs Robert Lawrence
Anne M. Gordon
Mrs Julian Stein
Malvina L. Pyles
Mary McKittrick
Bobbi Jacobs
Emmy Mason (guest)
Joseph Marotta
Dolores Marotta
Joan Murray
Mr and Mrs W. D. MacDonald
Gertrude Vetter
Mary Ellen Houck
Mr and Mrs Edward Schweser
Jean di Meglio
Mr and Mrs Herbert Appleman
Joila Neiman
Miss Gretchen Glumpner
Mr and Mrs Pete Schloss
and our guest speaker, Miss Bonnie Young,

The meeting began with conversation and the serving of syllabub. Ricardian materials were available for purchase, and many items were bought. After a brief period of introductions and greetings, the delicious dinner was served. As we were eating, a visitor arrived. One of our new members, the Hon. Theodore Kupferman, congressman of the United States, happened to be in New York, and, in the midst of his tour of the polling places - for this
was registration day - took time to drop in for a brief visit with us.

Dinner having concluded, the meeting began. Regrets were received from Jose Ferrer and Alexander Clark, as they were not able to attend the meeting. Greetings were read from the English Branch, who were having their meeting on the same day. Miss Young, who is the Senior Lecturer at the Cloisters, then gave us a fascinating talk on the Cloisters, with accompanying slides and camera work by Mr. Hogarth. As most of us were able to participate in a tour of the Cloisters with Miss Young the next day, we found the slides most illuminating and her talk most enlightening.

The Treasurer reported that we had, at the time of the meeting, a bank balance of $216.00.

Mrs Haynes gave the library report. We have at present $9.60 in the library fund. $1.73 of the library funds were spent on postage, and $5.92 sent to Mr. Bunnett to defray the postal expense of having his articles sent to us. There have been 122 circulations since last year. Mrs Haynes requested that some member donate a copy of UNDER THE HOG to the library, as we do not now have a copy. She also noted that she would appreciate any inner seals from Maxwell House Instant Coffee that members can send her. (4149 25th St., Arlington, Va.) The offer of the portrait of Richard was in the RICARDIAN, and some of the English members want the portrait - but their Maxwell House Coffee is not the same as ours (at least as regards the inner seals) so she needs seals to fill their orders. We now have all but ten of Mr. Bunnett's articles and have added two books and four papers to the library collection.

Mr Hogarth then reported that his latest effort to get DAUGHTER OF TIME reprinted has run into a snag. The bookstores say that they can sell all they can get, but Dell says that there is insufficient demand for the book. He requested that all members write to Don Fine, Editor in Chief, Dell Publishing Company, 750 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017, and ask that Dell reprint DAUGHTER OF TIME - WITH A PICTURE OF RICHARD ON THE COVER !!! If we all get together, perhaps we can get 'our' book out again.

Betty Schloss and Gretchen Clumpner then reported on the trip to England. They told us that the tour originated as a money making project, but as we did not have enough people on the tour, we did not make any money. However, everyone who went had a marvelous time, as was obvious from the beautiful scrapbook which Mrs. Schweser has of the tour, and which we all thoroughly enjoyed reading following the meeting. The trip also helped to establish a very good rapport between the English Branch and our Branch. A copy of the planned tour for
next year was given to all members - and is included in this mailing - Mrs Schloss has labeled this tour the 'Join Your Wife In England", and as you can tell, it is arranged so that those of us who only get two weeks vacation will not lose out on the tour completely - indeed, will be able to partake of one of the best parts of it!

Everyone at the meeting was reminded of the reception which will be held for Mr Bacon on the 21st, and most of those attending the meeting indicated that they will also be attending the reception.

After this report, Mr William Snyder, Regional Director of the Washington Area, showed slides that he had taken when his wife and he toured England earlier this year. They were so beautiful and exciting, that if there had been a plane to England outside the door following the meeting we would all have been on it.

Mr Herbert Appleman was then prevailed upon to tell us what was happening with his plans for the motion picture of DAUGHTER OF TIME. He was most hopeful that this time the book would make it to the screen. He told us how the book has been rewritten in order to make it a good movie, and as he sat down, disappeared in a mass of members inquiring as to the cinematic fate of characters he had not mentioned in his talk.

The meeting was adjourned and most of the members met again the next day for the tour of the Cloisters.
THE MYTH GROWS

So you thought that because the Tudors were dead that the 'villanous' myth had stopped growing? take a look at this:

"RICHARD III. Edward V (1483) was only 12 years old and the regency opened a struggle (NB no mention of who the regent was) between the queen mother and Richard of Gloucester Edward V's uncle. Richard had Edward, EDWARD'S CHILD BRIDE (italics mine this is Anne Mowbray, d. 1491), and his brother murdered in the tower and he himself usurped the throne (note order of events!)

a. Richard Overthrown

The callous murder by Richard III (1483-85) incited a Lancastrian-Yorkist revolt (Yorkist?? ) led by Henry Tudor, a Lancastrian who promised to wed Elizabeth, Edward V's sister and a Yorkist. In 1485 on Bosworth Field Henry's army defeated and slew Richard III (you will note that apparently Richard could not even get an army together!)


It is customary in these study guides to read of Richard murdering the Princes However, to add to the legend at this time is going a bit too far. I am writing to the company - and the authors - and we will see what develops.
D. OF TIME REAPPEARS
As most of you have probably noticed, Dell has finally decided to reissue DAUGHTER OF TIME. This particular printing is not due to the letters that have been written, but said letters and more urging that the portrait be included will help to keep the book in print.

Local bookstores here have already - in about 10 day's time sold out. So write: Don Fine, Editor in Chief, Dell Publishing Co, 750 Third Ave., N.Y., N.Y., and tell him that we want the book and the book with the picture.

Dorothy Marsden, a subscribing member of the Western Branch writes that Dell is also including D of T. in their Laurel series on Historiography, listing it under 'introduction to the problems of historiography.' So possibly the book will remain in print longer this time than last.

T LE AVAILABLE
The proper channels have now been opened, and we can offer you copies of TO PROVE A VILLAIN. cost: $3.00. Please allow four weeks from the time you write for delivery. This book contains D of T as well as primary and secondary materials pro and con. For first class mailing +.75 per copy.

RICHARD AND THE HERALDS
Mary McKittrick has sent a clipping from the White Plians Reporter-Dispatch which, in an article on the College of Heralds, states: 'The Heralds College is an ancient royal corporation, instituted in 1483 by King Richard III.' This is quite true. The College is responsible for the keeping of genealogical records, the granting of Arms, and the planning and direction of state ceremonies. One of the purposes of the Friends of Richard III (Alexander Clark, Founder see Hon members) was to support this remainder of Richard's reign.

RECEPTION HELD
The reception held Oct. 21 for Mr Rowse was very well attended with several notable non-members attended. The most surprising one of the latter was Mr. Rowse - yes, that's the Rowse who was very polite, and offered to have a debate with us about Richard sometime in February. We have tentatively accepted his offer, and are now calling on all our members to help us prepare for this confrontation. We do not yet know who will speak for the Society, but whoever it is, let's get all the information we can together.

If you have a copy of BOSWORTH FIELD, reread it and prepare a rebuttal - giving all the sources for your rebuttal you can. It doesn't matter if it duplicates someone else's, for you might find one point that they overlook. As an example, Mr Rows stated that Henry, in stating that Richard 'shed infant's blood' is referring to the murder of the Princes. Lamb, Tey, and others state that this is a common statement in acts of attainder, etc. Is it? What other acts does it appear in?

In all, the reception was a most interesting and rewarding occasion. Interesting in the conversations that were held, and rewarding in the increased closeness we feel to the wonderful people of the English Branch.

CANADIAN BRANCH MEETS
The newly formed Canadian branch, now numbering some 40 active members, held a highly successful meeting on Oct. 2. The occasion was a joint effort by the branch and the Toronto Public Library, and more than 200 people attended. More than 100 of these were students from St. Catharine's who made a special bus trip for the event.
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

You will notice that with this issue - which puts the newsletter into its second year - there is the usual roster of members. If your name is on this list, you should have a membership card. If you do not have a membership card, please let me know, and I will send you one. Please check your address. If there are any corrections, please let me know.

I have a new supply of pins and pendants, so if you would like to order some, I can fill your orders - $1.00 apiece. I have, at the moment, no more copies of the 'College' folder, but will order them and let you know when they arrive.

The report on the members, based on the questionnaire will be forthcoming soon. I am working on it now.

You will notice that the list of officers is listed on a separate sheet in the roster. I would advise that you save this sheet even if you throw the rest out. You may write to any officer or director at any time to inform us of address changes, etc. If you want to use the library, just write to Mrs Haynes and tell her what you want - you pay return postage only.

I am currently flying a white rose from the antenna of my 'bug'. This is a very handy means of identification in large parking lots. If any of you have wanted to put something on your car to single it out, you might consider this. Besides being convenient, it also has a significance to you. Too bad they don't sell small white boar banners!

As long as this issue seems to be full of things for you to buy, you might consider a Christmas gift for a youngster. Britains Models put out a beautiful set of knights. These are labeled 'Wars of the Roses' knights and seem to be very accurate. I quote from their catalogue: Magnificent models of Fifteenth Century

REPORT cont.

Knights to relive the Wars of the Roses. Made in the Swoppet tradition, all parts fitting firmly, yet easily detached. Lifting visors, removable swords, swiveling bodies, all brightly colored and adorned with their heraldic devices. The part about the heraldic devices is absolutely accurate. Right on the helmet I have been able to distinguish a falcon, a bear climbing a tree, a dog (could that be Lovel?) the English Lion, several other fierce creatures, a fleur de lis, and what would seem to be a pawn from a chess set - but I couldn't find a boar. If you get a chance, look in your local toy store and see what you can identify. They come with detachable white and red roses (I find that very authentic), mounted and unmounted, and would really make a nice gift for a boy or girl who is in the 'knighthood' stage. If you cannot find them near you, and are really interested in them, let me know and I will send you a price list for the variety of packaging they come in.

Jean Airey

MAKE MERRIE WHOOPIE??

Since we have all enjoyed our get-togethers this year, how would Ricardians and spouses/friends like to attend a real 15th century Twelfth Night Wassail? and in costume??

May we have a show of hands on a possible Plantagenet Wynde-Dyne???

Time suggested: January 6th (Twelfth Night)

Place suggested: The John Barleycorn in New York. With recipes as served at Buntratty Castle from original 15th c. kitchen im provisations...knife only...rush strewn floors...candles and torches...a lascivious lute or sackbutt, while the ladies in wimples and the lords in doublet and hosen make merrie.
The first tour arranged for the Society took place this past August. Tour members left New York via BOAC on August 4 for three weeks which included a stay in London and an extended tour of Yorkist sites, particularly those associated with Richard III. Pictured at Kennedy Airport prior to departure are (left to right) Gretchen Clumpner, of New York City, Mary McKitrick of White Plains, New York, Mrs and Mr Robert Leicester, of Montreal, Arlene Rosner and Mrs Lena Rosner, of Upper Darby, Pa., Mrs Viola Neiman of New York City; Mrs Betty Schloss of Pittsburgh, Mrs Helen Schweser of Levittown, N.Y., and Shelagh Hunter of Toronto, Ontario. Not shown are Miss Georgia Cramer of Lafayette, California, and her nephew, Alan Palmer, who joined the group in London.

The tour through western and northern England included visits to Shrewsbury and York, Ludlow Castle, Penrith and Middleham Castles. The tombs and memorials of Queen Anne Neville in Westminster, Richard and Cicely of York in Fotheringay Church, and the memorial in Sheriff Hutton to Richard's son were all visited. Members paid respects also to George, Duke of Clarence and his wife Isabelle, who rest beneath the floor of Tewkesbury Abbey. A member of the British Society, Major R. D. Batcock, escorted the group in and around London. Major Batcock is a professional tour guide, and his personal interest in the Society assured an unusually complete coverage of places of interest and the Yorkist background. Miss Mireille Ken-Ritchie another member of the English Society, joined us for the northern tour.
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WASHINGTON RIDES AGAIN

We are still reaping the rewards of the notices put in the IN MEMORIAM section of the New York Times. At the November 9th meeting of the Washington, D.C. area chapter, several new members appeared who had first learned of the Society and the local chapter through this notice.

It was most exciting to hear from Bill Snyder - Director of the Washington area - concerning the chapter's activities. The November 9th meeting was conducted on a formal basis with emphasis on discussion throughout the evening.

To start off, the objectives of the evening - sociability and scholarship - were outlined, and new members introduced.

Stuart Silverman then discussed the aims and objectives of the Society. Libby Haynes discussed the library, a Ricardian reading list, the Sept. 30th annual meeting, and the Maxwell House offer. The Society's plans for its 1968 trip to England were outlined by Janet Snyder. Janet also discussed a recent presentation of "The Hollow Crown" at the British Embassy, which included Jane Austen's highly favorable views toward Richard. Bill Snyder conducted a reporting session of Ricardian activities, followed by slides of England.

Well, as the saying goes, you can't win them all. As one of the guests was leaving, he commented: "Did you know I was - and still am - on the side of the Tudors??"

REGISTER GROWS

You will notice the addition of another staff member! Cynthia is a member and a fellow budget analyst at the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission.

EXTRA SPECIAL LIBRARY ADDITION

Good News! Libby Haynes, our Librarian has purchased a copy of George Buck's HISTORY OF RICHARD III, and a 1646 edition too! It is considered to be one of the most important books written about Richard. This will be available soon. The borrower will be required to pay for the expense of sending the book both ways by registered mail, and also make a donation of $0.50 to the Library fund.

AND STILL MORE:

The Xerox copy of DICKON now added to the Library is a gift of Margaret MacDonald.

TEST YOUR WITS

Could you do a RICARDIAN crossword puzzle?? Buy the back issues of the RICARDIAN and find out.

TWELFTH NIGHT POSTPONED

I regret very much having to inform those of you who were so enthusiastic about Twelfth Night that we have had to cancel it for this year. There just wasn't enough time to plan and organize a 'do' to do justice to the occasion. But save your plans for your costume - next year we will start early enough and have an extra special occasion set up!! and that is a promise.
CANADA SPEAKS

William J. Buyers of the Canadian Branch informs us that membership in their branch has increased to about 45. At a recent meeting, 200 were in attendance. The word is really getting around. Keep up the good work, Bill, maybe sometime we could hold a combined American-Canadian meeting!

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I would like to draw everyone's attention to the Ricardian Reprints which are now available. You will find attached to this mailing, a coupon to return to reserve your copies. This is an invaluable, unrepeatable opportunity, and I urge everyone to take advantage of it. It was one of the most exciting moments of my life as I read from the early issues up to the present and realized how much the Society has grown and accomplished, to say nothing of the wealth of information that is available in these editions. So order now!

Speaking of Ricardians, if anyone did not receive the October edition, please let me know, and I will mail you a copy.

DEBATE WITH ROWSE ON HORIZON

It appears now as if there will be a meeting in March which will include an open debate with Mr. Rowse—come prepared. "Brush up on your Shakespeare—start knocking him down" (Sorry about that). Seriously, one of the best ways to brush up on Ricardian lore would be to order the reprints now so you can study them before the meeting.

EMPTY FIRST PAGE?

Note—If your first page looks slightly empty its because we ran out of masterheads halfway through the printing.

BRANCH PUBLISHES BROCHURE

The American Branch will soon be publishing an official brochure with the approval of the English Branch. Watch for it in your mailbox.
LIST OF PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR AMERICAN MEMBERS FROM THE ENGLISH BRANCH

ARTICLES AND PAPERS
"When Treason Crowned a Tudor" by James Cleugh (Everybody's Weekly) August 6, 1953
"If Richard III had won the Battle of Bosworth": a flight of imagination by Igor Vinogradoff
"Who Killed the Little Princes?" Report from the Folger Library, Washington, D.C. April 22, Vol. 10, No. 1
"The Princes in the Tower" appendix J from 'The Complete Peerage', 1960
"A Historical Sketch of Perkin Warbeck, Pretender to the Crown of England" by Edwin Henes Jr., The Knickerbocker Press, N.Y. 1902
"The History of Richard III attributed to Sir Thomas More": an article in 'Notes and Queries' 2nd series, Vol. 9, 1866, by James Gairdner
"Napoleon and Richard III" article in 'Notes and Queries' Jan. 1961 by Dorothy Broome
A review of the historical background and sources of Shakespeare's 'Richard III' by Louis B. Wright, director of the Folger Shakespeare Library Washington, D.C.
"Richard III-Usurper or Lawful King": article by Mortimer Levine
"The Legislation of Richard III" paper by Professor H.G. Hanbury, Q.C., D.C.L.
"Richard of Conisbrough (Richard III's grandfather) from 'Yorkshire Life Illustrated' March 1961
"The Anniversary" short article by Valerie Giles (first appeared in THE RICARDIAN, January, 1963)

MURDER IN THE TOWER: article by Alan Smithies

TALKS AND RESUMES OF TALKS
Summary of Dr. R.H. G. Lyne-Pyrkis' discussion of the anatomical evidence relating to the supposed bones of the sons of Edward IV as given by Professor Wright in July 1933 (Archaeologia LXXIV)
Talk by Mr. Cecil Roth, W.A. Ph.D. F.R. Hist.S., on Sir Edward Brampton, Governor of Guernsey, and the mystery of RICHARD DUKE OF YORK. (The link between the Princes in the Tower and 'Perkin Warbeck')
THREE PLANTAGENET HOROSCOPES: talk given by Mrs Dorothy Ryan
FIFTEENTH CENTURY LONDON: Talk given by Mrs Marjorie B. Honeybourne, M.A.F.S.A.
THE PRINCES IN THE TOWER: talk given to the Newbury Field Club by I. Wigram

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE: between General T.B.L. Churchill and Mr. Saxon Barton on Sheriff Hutton Church and the tomb of Prince Edward. and between G.W. West and Mr. Saxon Barton, with extracts from 'Notes and Queries' concerning the bones of the Princes, with former skeletons discovered in the Tower.

GUIDES AND TOPOGRAPHICAL ARTICLES
"King Richard III House, Scarborough" by G. Bernard Wood (Yorkshire Life Illustrated, September, 1956)
Notes on: Middleham and Richmond Castles, Catterick Bridge, The 18th century Theatre at Richmond, Easby Church, St. Agatha's Church, Easby, Wensley Church, Middleham Church, Barnard Castle: separate copies on each, by R.J.A. Bunnett, F.S.A.

MANCEINI
Typescript extracts from "The Usurpation of Richard III" by Domenico Mancini, translated from the Latin by C.A.J. Armstrong of Hertford College, who found this original and absolutely contemporary though biased account of the events leading up to Richard's accession in the Bibliotheque Nationale at Lille, in 1934. In Mr. Armstrong's translation of Mancini is included a short account entitled: Richard III as seen by a foreign traveller, Nicolas von Poppelau.

RICHARD III DOCUMENTS
Some copies of original letters, grants, proclamations, warrants, etc.
Text of TITULUS REGIIUS act from the Rotuli Parliamentorum, vol vi, p. 240
PERKIN WARBECK
Extract from Perkin's address to the King of the Scots from J. Asgill's Political Tracts (1713)
Extracts from Thomas Gainsford's "True and Wonderful History of Perkin Warbeck" (1618)
Copy of original letter from Perkin Warbeck to the Lady Katherine Gordon, and other notes and extracts from Bergenroth's Calendar of Spanish State papers.
Extracts from "L'Imposture de Perkin Warbeck" by Jean-Dedier Chastelain, 1952 (In French)
Extracts from Calendar of Venetian State Papers for the Period covering Perkin Warbeck's public Career
Extracts from Sir Frederic Madden's paper on Perkin Warbeck in Archaeologia Vol XXVII
PERKIN WARBECK - THE IMPERSONATOR: Extract from "Seven in the Tower" by Louis Collis.

MISCELLANEOUS
Extracts from C.J. Billson's "Medieval Leicester" on the fate of King Richard's body, and of his bedstead.
Extracts from Sir George Buck's HISTORY OF RICHARD THE THIRD (1647)
Extracts from Horace Walpole's HISTORICAL DOUBTS
Rutland MSS Vol 1, pp 2-8; 12th report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission.
Correspondence between the Duke of Clarence, the Earl of Warwick, King Edward IV, and King Richard III with Henry Vernon.
Extract from Archaeologia vol xxxix, part 1. London 1863 on livery collars by George Scharf?
Pell Records: A few interesting extracts from the Roll of Accounts of Edward IV. (Research by Mrs Howse)
ORDERS AND RULES OF THE PRINCESS CECILL: the ordering of the household of Cicely, Duchess of York.
HISTORICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE REIGN OF EDWARD IV: comprising Memoirs of Anthony Earl Rivers, edited by William Henry Black (From the "Excerpta Historica")
FRIENDS OF RICHARD III, INC. Questionaire put out by this Society and two extracts from articles in American publications concerning it.

ADDITIONS: 1966
Have the Prince's bones been found in the tower? an annotated summary of the contemporary accounts of bones discovered in the Tower of London and alleged to be those of Edward IV's two sons; by John Morgan (given by the Melbourne branch)
The Clever Widow and the King of England: article on Elizabeth Woodville by Christopher Hibbert (From Woman's Mirror, 3rd September, 1966) Programme of Richmond Shakespeare Society's Production of "Richard III" in July 1966
Official Guide to Ashby de la Zouch Castle

PLAYS
William Shakespeare: RICHARD III
Gordon Daviot: DICKON
Olivia Wigram: THE SPIDER AND THE FLY (Perkin Warbeck)
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THE GOLDEN YOKE, by Olive Eckerson
SHADOW OF THE DRAGON, by M. Rowling
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FIRE AND MORNING, by F. Leary
THE GOLDEN LONGING, by F. Leary
BOSWORTH FIELD, by A. L. Rowse
THE WARS OF THE ROSES, by J. R. Lander
QUEST CROSSTIME, by Andre Norton
LOYALTY BINDS ME, by Ruth Traven
ENGLAND, by John R. Green, 1461 - 1603, published 1896

SPECIAL ACQUISITION:
HISTORY OF RICHARD III, by George Buck, published 1646, a first edition copy. Borrowers must pay for the costs of sending this valuable book by registered mail, and donate 50¢ to the Library.

PLAYS:
"Traitor's Summer" by Alan Smithies, a television script
DICKON, by Gordon Daviot

ARTICLES AND EXCERPTS:
JACKDAW: RICHARD III
"George, Duke of Clarence," by Hugh Ross Williamson, HISTORY TODAY, December, 1966
THE FRIENDS OF RICHARD III, Inc. (articles dealing with)
"Batman on the Battlefield", Kendall's review of Rowse's BOSWORTH FIELD, London Times, November 11, 1966
"Flash - History Wrong, Richard III Innocent" from Maclean's Reviews, October 1, 1966
"Minster Lovel" by Valerie Giles
"The Fall of the House of York" from THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND FROM THE ACCESSION OF RICHARD III (1377-1485) by Sir Charles Oman
"The War of the Roses" by Joan Murray
"Sir William Cornwallis the Younger" by Arthur Kincaid
"Crosby Hall"
"Maintenance and the Wars of the Roses, by Alan Rogess
"Memorials of the Garter" (1438-1501)

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All of the above additions - except the Buck copy - were donated throughout the year by members, and our deepest thanks go to them for helping our library to grow in size and scope.
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

You will probably notice that this is the shortest REGISTER yet published. It is so not because of any lack of material, but because I have been hospitalized and am still technically recuperating. I informed my Doctor that I would recover much faster if I knew that at least a one page January REGISTER got out than worrying about nothing being sent to you this month. With the absolutely invaluable aid of my co-editor, we are going to make it. However, I must be brief so:

TO PROVE A VILLAIN is temporarily out of stock, the bookstore is reordering. I will send copies on as fast as I get them. THE COLLEGE OF RICHARD III is back in stock here - please send 50¢ for your copy. A valuable library addition Watch for a Treasurer's report next month, as we are sending our dues to England as soon as I get back to the books.

WATCH FOR:

The soon forthcoming analysis of the characteristics of members of the Society based on the August questionnaire an explanation of the phrase 'keep waving' and why it applies to us.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Richard III Society is pleased to announce that the noted English historian, Dr. A. L. Rowse will address the members of the Society in New York on March 24, 1968. The talk, to be held at 2:00 P.M. at the Drake Hotel, will be titled: "The Historian and Richard III." Dr. Rowse, an authority on Elizabethan England, is also a poet and translator and the author of GODSFORTH FIELD, which hews to the traditional anti-Richard view. He has promised to answer questions from the floor and should provide a lively afternoon, promising a controversial talk, in his words "only if we promise not to convince." There will be a charge to members and guests of $1.00/person to meet the expense of the room. Written reservations and your money should be sent to William Hogarth, 230 East 52 St., N.Y., N.Y. 10022. Checks should be drawn to "William Hogarth - Richard III Society." The Drake is at Park Avenue and 56th St., and lobby signs will be posted.
AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MEMBERS
OF THE RICHARD III SOCIETY - AND
ESPECIALLY TO MORE RECENT MEMBERS

Through the good offices of David Rosenthal, Chairman of the Princeton Chapter, we now have in supply excellent reprints of complete sets of our primary communicatio'n periodical, THE RICARDIAN, well duplicated from good originals. Close study of all issues from number One on is, I feel, essential to our members' understanding of the research and opinion existent on Richard Plantagenet and his era.

The sale price established is exactly what a member would have paid from the first year of organization: at $3.00 per year - 3 issues. We must offer them in sets: Numbers 1-15 for $15.00, Numbers 16, 17, 18 for $3.00 - with no broken sets.

In addition to filling in the member's library, these sets would make an excellent gift to a friend, to a local public library or to the history department of a local school.

The early issues contain the complete story of the founding of the Society in England, and one issue carries a biography and bibliography of our most active (unaware) organizer, Josephine Tey. These, plus the many excellent Research Reports and Ricardianly Yours items make for fascinating reading.

I would also like to mention that the price has been established to aid in the legal costs of incorporating the American Branch at no extra assessment to the membership. When we receive our non-profit corporate charter, dues and contributions will be tax-deductible, and we can make the first steps in setting up a research library affiliated with an academic institution. The value to the Society of this step is obvious, in our desire to sponsor graduate research.

Note that order forms, checks/money orders go not to Mrs. Airey, but to the undersigned, whose family has wearily, but cheerily agreed to pack and ship all orders instantly. (We must - the boxes are piled in our dining room.) Draw checks to: WILLIAM HOGARTH - RICHARD III SOCIETY. Mail orders to: William Hogarth, 207 Carpenter Avenue, Sea Cliff, L.I., New York 11579. Please fill out the entire form: it's also a label.

-WILLIAM HOGARTH, Co-chairman, American Branch

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NOTES

You will notice a change of address in this issue that is quite important. I am moving, as of February 14th, to Columbus Ohio. While this will not affect me very much as Secretary, it will have an effect on the publishing of the REGISTER. As you can see by the Treasurer's report, at the moment we cannot afford to pay for the publishing of the REGISTER, these costs must continue to be donated. The donation offer which has enabled us to have a newsletter still stands, and thanks to a very courageous co-editor, we will still be able to take advantage of it. From now on, I will continue to write the REGISTER, but they will be printed in Albany. Cynthia will take over the collating and mailing not only of the REGISTER, but of all Society material. I am leaving all the extra copies of everything we have printed with her, so if you don't get an issue or want an extra copy, write to her. She is now circulation manager (see story on following page). On the other hand, if you have an address change, let me know, as her mailing list will be based on what I send in each REGISTER.

Jean Airey, Secretary -Editor

NOT QUITE A SUCCESS - YET
Judge Donald Lybarger writes that, at the suggestion of Mr Bacon, he attempted to get Dr. Paul Murray Kendall to speak in London in a debate with Dr. Rowse. Although the attempt was not successful, we all sincerely appreciate the effort.

FOR OUR CONVENIENCE
Another copy of the order form for the back issues is attached.

STILL TIME TO ORDER
You can still send in your order for the back issues of the RICARDIAN, but do it soon. Remember that your order for the large set - $15, or the small set - $3, or both will help us offset the costs of incorporation.

Order now from William Hogarth, 207 Carpenter Ave., Seacliffe, N.Y. Please make checks payable to Mr. Hogarth - The Richard III Society.
MEET THE NEW STAFF MEMBER - "Cyn"

Let me introduce myself to you. I am presently a budget analyst with the New York State Department of Addiction Control Commission. Needless to say that is how I first met our traveling Secretary-Treasurer and first heard of the Richard III Society. It certainly was not the first I had heard of Richard since I was a Social Studies major at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. After graduating I managed to teach a year at Notre Dame High School, Schenectady, N.Y. before joining State Service. In the near future, May 25th, I will be changing my name (last, that is) to Sullivan, with whom I will journey to Ireland and the British Isles for a two week honeymoon. That is, if these are selected as "favored" countries by a certain man in Washington. If not, and we cannot visit the habitat of the English Branch, we will go and visit the hunting grounds of the Western Branch.

KEEP WAVING - everyone

Hillary Weisgrau has written us a charming letter. It seems that she is combining her interest in Richard with a term paper that is due (and remember to make a copy for the library, Hillary). In fact her enthusiasm prompted her to place an advertisement in the school newspaper, saying:

Richard III was nice!

Underneath this ad when the paper came out was another ad:

Keep Waving, Hillary.

This last thought is, upon examination, a good motto for all of us. If we keep on waving - talking, reading, and writing - we stand a much better chance of being noticed and recognized, and perhaps even waved back at, than if we just curl up in a ball and say and do nothing. I think that we all need to remember that most of the material we consider 'elementary' is unknown and potentially interesting to the general public. Especially when lately there has even been distortion of the 'basic' Tudor legend. (See story on following page). Perhaps to outsiders we are tilting against windmills, but this is the first windmill I've seen that acts like a cancer.

BOOK LOOK

THE PLANTAGENETS, 1154-1485, by John Harvey.

This little book (180 pages) is unusual, readable, colorful, entertaining - and quite accurate as well. There are many illustrations, a genealogical table, a good index, and an appendix with various Kings' letters and poems by Richard I, Edward II, and Henry VI. A chapter is devoted to each Plantagenet King, and it is much to the author's credit that each one is presented as a real individual, with his particular talents and weaknesses when confronted with the problems of his time. We are mercifully spared long footnotes, detailed itineraries, and lengthy quotations from contemporary correspondence -- those old padding devices of historians.

The chapter on Richard III treats him in a very fair and objective manner, and the "monstrous legend" is traced back to Archbishop Morton. The last Plantagenet is shown as an able ruler who encouraged bothcultural and legal reforms during his brief reign. The author exonerates Richard of several murders attributed to him by the Tudors (Prince Edward, Henry VI, Queen Anne Neville) but does blame him for the executions of Hastings, Rivers, etc. Perhaps the best way to describe Mr. Harvey's feelings as far as can be ascertained from this chapter, is that he is not a Ricardian, but that a very persuasive member could convince him to join the Society.

THE PLANTAGENETS is not a weighty, scholarly book, but a charming introduction to what is perhaps England's most dramatic period in history.

Liliane-Francoise Osborn

PAPERBACK NEWS

Several weeks ago, while looking through some racks of paperback books in one of the local shopping malls, I was delighted to notice that Kendall's edition of Richard III, THE GREAT DEBATE,...has been reprinted in paperback. The reprint is in the Norton Library, number N310, and costs $1.75. Frank Hoffman
A MYSTERY SOLVED

The charming, gracious lady mentioned in last month's REGISTER is none other than our former chairman of the American Branch, Mrs Liliane Osborn. This delightful lady is responsible for the recent availability of well-produced photo duplications of the RICARDIAN, beginning with number 1, and continuing through the issue published last May. The officers would like to express, on behalf of the entire membership, the great appreciation felt to Mrs Osborn for having made this photo-duplication possible through her generous willingness to allow her complete set of RICARDIANS to be used as the master copy in the duplication process. Without her willingness to lend her originals, which are, of course, so valuable because of the extreme scarcity of complete back issues, this project would have been impossible. Because of her loan, this scarcity has been alleviated, to the great benefit of all members of the branch and the Society as a whole.

BETTY SCHLOSS WAVES - FOR RAVES

Since we have already had one article in this issue about the value of 'waving', it is interesting to see the results of one piece of waving that Betty Schloss did recently.

In the Sunday, December 10, 1967 edition of "The Pittsburgh Press" is a very well written article, topped by a picture of Betty holding (could that qualify as a wave??) the portrait of Richard. The article begins by briefly relating the traditional opinion of Richard that is challenged by the Society.

The article goes on to explain that the portrait that Betty is holding is "endorsed" by the Society because of "the intelligent and kind expression of its subject". Speaking for the Society, Mrs Schloss claims that Shakespeare was the victim of misinformation. Richard was deposed and killed by a Tudor, and she believes his character was painted black to defend that lineage.

"There is not sufficient evidence to prove Richard murdered the Princes in the Tower. Sir Thomas More, who supplied
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IS THERE A TUDOR YET ALIVE???

Judge Lybarger has found an interesting
article in an issue of the Cleveland
Press. The unknown writer (perhaps
he has some sense) referred to
the defense of Richard against
the crime of murdering three royal
PRINCESSES (that is not one of my
typographical errors). He suggests
that Richard must have put three of
Elizabeth Woodville's daughters into
a butt of malmselywine, thus originating
the story about Clarence.

As Mr. Spock would say: 'fascinating'.

TALKING ABOUT ROWSE:

Does anyone out there know if Dr.
Rowse has ever excused the actions
of a historical character on the
grounds that "those times were differ-
ent, and we cannot use the same
standards of judgement or words to
that effect. If so, where, and whom??
Please let me know if you find any such
reference in any of his books.

Jean

RAGOSIN PLAYS TO BECOME AVAILABLE

Patrick Bacon informs me that very
soon now he will be able to
send us tapes of the Lydia Ragosin
plays entitled "A Cry of Treason" and
"A Crown for the Strong." These plays
will be broadcast in England on March
24 and 31st over B.B.C. (Radio 4).
The tapes, which will be on a 5"
diameter reel, will be available to
members at no charge. Reservations
for the tapes may be placed now with
Libby Haynes - 4149 25th St., Arlington,
Va. First Come, first served, and our
deepest thanks to Mr Bacon for making
the tapes available.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Andre Norton writes that the new
autobiography of Cecil Roberts,
THE GROWING BOY "has some very snide
remarks about Richard, plus the memorial
to him from the Society. But then Mr.
Roberts appears to be very pro-Henry,
trotting out the Princes - in- the
Tower bit as proven against Richard."

Lilaine Osborn has sent us a clippings
with a more cheerful outlook, from the
January 13, 1968 edition of the New
York Post, TWO ON THE AISLE, by Richard
Watts, Jr. who writes in dealing with
the question of how closely should a
play dealing with a theme from
history accept the verdict of Historian.
"Look at what happened to poor Richard
III: Shakespeare, thanks to his admirati
for the Tudors and his acceptance of the
biased evidence supplied by the sainted
Sir Thomas More, wrote the most success-
ful propaganda play in all history, with
the result that the last of the Plantage-
monarchs has been blasted for posterity
as an evil, monstrous brute and a physi-
monstrosity. Although there has long
been a school of opinion, to which I
belong, which insists Richard was a fine
sensitive man, we had no chance against
the Shakespearean tradition."

RUSH RESERVATIONS FOR DR. ROWSE TALK
2:00 - the Drake Hotel, Park & 56th
Afternoon of March 24th
COST: $1.00
Written reservations and checks to:
Mr William Hogarth, 230 E. 52nd St.
N.Y.,N.Y. 10022.
The following excerpts are from analysis of Richard's handwriting as done by the members of the Long Island Handwriting Research Association. The complete text of this report is in the library. In reading this one should remember that the sample given for analysis was a postscript added by Richard to a letter asking for aid at the time of Buckingham's revolt. As this was a very traumatic experience, we should, if the analysis is good expect to find signs of this trauma turning up. Also questionable is the validity of current methods when applied to medieval writing materials and techniques. The members of the association were given the sample and told only that it was that of a well-born Englishman of the 15th century. Later they were told who it was and what he has been accused of. Personally, I feel that it would have been better to have described the circumstances surrounding the writing of this particular letter. It might be interesting to submit another sample of Richard's handwriting written at a less tumultuous time. Parenthetic interpretations are mine.

Lillian Braun, moderator with over fifteen years experience in in-depth analysis: "Strong, creative, original, highly emotional personality, altruistically inclined, but with tendency toward erratic behavior. (remember the circumstances of this letter)

Marion and Otto Schneider, for twelve years have been compiling a comparative study of handwriting systems: "tremendous inner conflict between altruism and acquisitiveness, artistic, moody, creative, dynamic yet deliberate, form level, genius.

Rex Smith, counselor and columnist for a Suffolk paper: "Strong personality torn by contradictory emotions, would attain leadership by personal intimidation.

Inge Ketterer Wenz: Student of handwriting analysis for 20 years, searching for correlation between handwriting deviations and physical and mental ills: "Exaggerated idealism versus strong physical drives, thrifty, but prone to bursts of extravagance, fiercely protective of his 'image' but in private insecure and self-destructive. Extremes in behavior may be triggered by inherited tendency towards epilepsy. (I do not recall that as one of the faults of the Plantagenet family)

CONCLUSION: A most interesting personality who felt deeply, reacted strongly, always with intelligence, sometimes with charm. Torn between an obsessive need to be the 'best' and an 'inferiority complex' his behavior was often brilliant, most often unpredictable. (I do not find unpredictability compatible with a person who always acts intelligently - they don't blend)

Had he been born in this day of protection, monarchy, his individualism would have made him 'good copy' and the object of grudging admiration. Since he lived in an era of suspicion and intrigue, it is entirely possible that he could have made an emotional decision on facts provided by a self-serving advisor. (Might it not be better to conclude that her would react emotionally to the discovery that one of his most trusted advisors and a man he considered a friend was engaging in an act of rebellion?)

Richard sincerely believed that harm to himself meant harm to England, something that he would strive to prevent at all costs."

In summary then, I think that this was a most interesting experiment, and I would like to see it followed up - if someone could have another sample of Richard's handwriting analyzed - perhaps the letter to his mother, to see if the results are the same, I would also like to see an analysis of Henry VII's handwriting - for comparison. It might be interesting to see some followup results.
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Remember to attend the sure-to-be-exciting meeting to be held on March 24th at 2 pm at the Warwick Hotel in New York City. This meeting will be addressed by Dr. A. L. Rowse. (see attached press release) to recap:

MEETING
Date: March 24
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Place: The Warwick Hotel, New York City

HOW TO HAVE A RICARDIAN LIBRARY

Dorothy Marsden, subscribing member of the Western Branch writes that the February 15, 1968 issue of the Library Journal listed several books recently printed or about to be released on the subject of Richard III and his period. They are:

Carpenter, Nan...JOHN SKELETON... University of Georgia...$3.95...March
Clemen, Wolfgang...A COMMENTARY ON SHAKESPEARE'S RICHARD III...Barnes & Noble...

Markham, Clement...RICHARD III...Russell and Russell...$9.00...April (reprint)
Palmer, Marian...THE WHITE BOAR...Doubleday...$6.95...April
Simons, Eric...HENRY VII...Barnes and Noble...$7.50...February

There is also an interesting interview with Mrs. Palmer who tells how she came to write her novel, THE WHITE BOAR: 'a story about the Last Plantagenets.' Dorothy also writes that the LIFE AND REIGN OF EDWARD THE FOURTH, by Cora Seefield, is being reprinted by Octagon Press, the cost of this book will be $30.00.

I know that those of us who are trying to build a collection of Ricardian materials are very grateful to Dorothy for her information.
ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY


"Shakespeare's England" NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, May 1964

GUIDEBOOK TO THE TOWER

Both gifts of Helen Schweser

TO PROVE A VILLAIN, Littleton & Rae, gift of Libby Haynes.

Don't forget that all you need to do to borrow items from the library is to write to Libby Haynes, 4149 25th St. Arlington, Va., and tell her what you would like to borrow. The Society pays the postage to you, you pay the postage to return the borrowed items.

ANOTHER MENTION OF RICHARD

Isa Ragusa writes that a rather unexpected reference to Richard has turned up in a recent novel. This is Barbara Michaels' SONS OF THE WOLF, which is a 'Gothic' romance of the Victorian era. The heroine, in visiting Middleham Castle is told by her guardian:

"You have heard only the standard pap taught by semiliterate females. Richard was not a hunchback; the contemporary portraits and descriptions show him without a trace of deformity. Nor is there any proof that he murdered his nephews or anyone else. These were slanders spread by Henry Tudor, late Henry the Seventh, after he defeated Richard at Bosworth" p.58

It would seem that Richard is turning up in the strangest places.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

I am still not settled here in Ohio, so this has been a rather hastily typed and composed REGISTER. However, this is an informal publication, so I don't think that the informality of this issue will be out of place. We have 11 pins and pendants available - $1.00. We will soon have copies of THE BETRAYAL OF RICHARD III - $2.50. I have no copies of this book now.

We do not expect that dues will be raised this year, and your dues would be the same whether you received the REGISTER or not. There has been a suggestion made the the REGISTER be put on a bi-monthly basis. Comments will be welcomed. If anyone would be interested in helping, by writing some type of a column on a regular basis, please let me know.

Jean Airey

MEMBER OF ENGLISH BRANCH Writes Biography

Dermot Morrah, a member and an officer of the English branch, has written a biography of Prince Charles, to quote from THE NEW YORK TIMES, March 3, 1968, "Mr. Morrah, an official at the Court of Queen Elizabeth II, describes his book as 'a privileged account of the early life and education of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, written with the approval of Her Majesty the Queen.'"

The book is being published by Hutchinson in England, and from the article in the TIMES, would seem to be a very interesting analysis of the young Prince who will someday become King of England.
The distinguished historian and celebrated Shakespeare authority Dr. A. L. Rowse will address members of the American Branch of the Richard III Society at the Warwick Hotel in New York City on March 24, 1968 at 2 pm.

His topic will be "The Historian and Richard III", and the meeting will be of two-fold interest. Dr. Rowse, author of biographies of Shakespeare, Marlowe, Raleigh, and other figures of the Tudor dynasty in England is a champion of Henry VII, the first Tudor King of England, whose forces defeated Richard III, the last Plantagenet, at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. Dr. Rowse's latest book is BOSWORTH FIELD, and it stoutly defends the traditional view of Richard as an usurping monarch, the evil monster who slew the "little Princes in the Tower." Most of this view comes through a manuscript attributed to Sir Thomas More, whose version was utilized by Shakespeare.

The Richard III Society in the United States is a 200-member offshoot of the parent English Society, who feel that there is reasonable doubt in regard to the traditional view, and espouse research into the life and reign of Richard III. Much alleged history is entirely conjectural, and there is reason to believe that Richard was not a "crouchback", not an usurper, and not an instigator of the murder of his nephews; whose murder has never conclusively been proved to have taken place.
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All members of the Society are welcome to submit items for publication at any time for either section.

SECTION I - MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEWS FROM THE WESTERN BRANCH

As of this mailing the American Branch is united again. At a meeting on April 21, the Western Branch voted to reunite with the Eastern. They will continue to have their own meetings and activities, as do the Princeton and Washington chapters, but we will all be members of a united Branch. We expect to have a regular column by a member of the Western Division, to keep us up-to-date on their activities.

We, of what used to be the Eastern American Branch, certainly extend out heartiest welcome to the members of what used to be the Western American Branch. Next Year should be a very exciting year!

WASHINGTON DIRECTOR KEEPS BUSY

Bill Snyder, Director of the Washington Area, writes:

"Janet and I plan to spend three weeks in England and Scotland, May 1-22, joining the Richard III Society for a 2 day coach tour out of York, May 4-5 to Ricardian points of interest, including Middleham Castle and Sheriff Hutton. We're looking forward to seeing Isolde Wigram again, and her mother Mrs Olivia Wigram. We hope to have some slides and perhaps do a short summary for THE RICARDIAN REGISTER. (We were unable to join the projected August tour.) Betty Schloss has been very helpful in assisting us in our plans."

You will notice that Section II includes "Notes From the Folger Shakespeare Library, The first in a series of reports from William Snyder" by way of an introduction to this series, Bill writes:

"On the Mall in back of the White House, Professor Picard was taking members of Libby Haynes' family (and others) aloft in his balloon, as part of the Smithsonian's Rites of Spring Festival. Washington's cherry trees were in full bloom and the temperature was a summy 80°, although it was only March 30.

Resisting these blandishments, I signed in at the Folger Shakespeare Library, showed my Reader's Card, and entered the Reading Room. I have been in the Canadian National Library in the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa, the British Museum in London, and the Congressional Library in Washington. But, surely, the Folger Shakespeare Library, housing the world's greatest collection of books and manuscripts of Shakespearcan and related interest, must be - not the largest - but the most beautiful of all and a wonderful place to do Ricardian research.

Poking in the card catalogue, I came upon what was to me an unknown commentary in German with English translation, apparently of a Ricardian presentation included in a two day seminar held in Eschmoge, Germany, in 1876. In the attached paragraphs (in Section II) I have tried to quote the major portions of interest in the slim booklet, which I have not seen included in any Ricardian Biography."
As you can probably tell by the size and content of this issue, we are experimenting with a new policy. We hope to have, with each issue at least one item of permanent, substantive historical interest. This is "Section II" and you will find it at the end of this newsletter. We hope that this information will complement the news of Society activities which is the main purpose of the REGISTER. All members are urged to send material for inclusion, and also to ask for items which they would like to see included. This material should be sent to Mrs William Haynes, 4149 25th St. N. Arlington, Va. 22207.

Because of the size of this issue, this is for both April and May. The next issue will be out the first week of June. If the second section continues to be larger than the first, it is very possible that the REGISTER will go on a bi-monthly basis.

Jean Airey, Secretary

DOLLS FROM ENGLAND

Anne Bresden writes that the Peggy Nisbet dolls are coming out with a limited series of "Richard III" and "Anne Neville" dolls. These dolls, about 7" tall, are collectors' items and cost from $5 to $9 with a 10% to 12% discount for foreign purchasers. If you would be interested in ordering them, write immediately to:

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200/202 Regent St.
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Attn: Miss Wilson.

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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

TAPES:
Dr A. L. Rowse on "The Historian and Richard III" supplied by Mrs Edward Schweser. Our deepest thanks to Mrs Schweser for enabling us to re-partake of this memorable event.

A CRY OF TREASON and A CROWN FOR THE STRONG, a gift of Mr Patrick Bacon.

ARTICLES:
"Shakespeare's England" NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, May, 1964
"Guidebook to the Tower"
both gifts of Helen Schweser

THE KINGS COUNCIL IN THE NORTH, by the Historical Society
a gift of Mrs Sol Newman

PAPERS:
LOYALTE ME LIE (Loyalty Binds Me), A History of Richard III, by Hillary R. Weisgrau, a gift of Miss Weisgrau.

PLAYS:
TIME AFORETIME (interim copy) a play in fantasy form for mass media, by Jean Airey and Libby Haynes, a gift of Libby Haynes

ENGLISH CHAIRMAN GOES HUNTING

Patrick Bacon, chairman of the English Branch, is searching the Harleian 433 for a letter written by Dr. Argentine to Richard reporting on the health of the Princes. This letter is used to support the August 1483 death theory by Dr. Rowe, but we have learned on excellent authority that the actual letter is dated October, 1483. Investigation is underway.
TOUR INFORMATION

Now that summer is on its way, it's time to think of HISTORICAL ENGLAND for 1968. There is space (leave August 4th, return August 25th) available on either the three week or two week tour but reservations must be requested.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

This year's tour visits BATH, SALISBURY, STRATFORD, SHREWSBURY, AND YORK along with as much time in LONDON as your heart desires. Betty Schloss is waiting to hear from you, with or without your deposits so that she may get an accurate count for airline seats to reserve. All this is on the low group-tour air-fare from New York of $230 round trip for the three week tour and $280 for the two week tour plus land arrangements. You will be staying in first class hotels and all meals outside London are furnished. A tour guide and tour escort will be with you on the entire trip so that you won't miss anything.

This is a don't-miss-it chance to see 15th century England and meet 20th Century Ricardians.

NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALISTS

As a feature of this tour, it is not a requirement that you book the entire tour. Individual itineraries can be arranged upon your request. However for this special feature, please check the proper box if you are or are not a member of the Society. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TOUR - so tell your friends.

DEADLINE

The deadline for making reservations is MAY 15. We must know by then if you have a y idea at all that you might be able to go. NO DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED.

REMINDER

This year there will be no travel tax. If you have been thinking of going to England, now is the time to go. And remember, American money can buy more in England now than before!

MAIL TODAY

If you want a place reserved for you on the tour - so you won't have to swim over - please fill out the reservation blank below:

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RICHARD III IN SHAKESPEARE'S PLAY COMPARED WITH RICHARD III IN HISTORY
by Lehrer C. Wessel, Eschwege, Germany, 1876
(in Realschule II, Ordnung und Progymnasium, April 6-7, 1876)

"He fell, not by a general rising of the people as might be presumed, but by
the treason of men he had believed to have been closely attached to his throne and
person by kindesses and liberalities lavishly bestowed upon them. That hardly
any Englishmen rose against Richard, and joined Henry of Richmond on his march
through the country that he had come to deliver from its bloody tyrant, is a fact
which speaks greatly to Richard's favour, and is to be considered, methinks, as
proof that he was not hated by far so much as has been said and believed, and that
he was not that bloody monster subsequent ages have made of him...

"But after his fall all good qualities, all good intentions, and all good
measures and regulations of the fallen foe of Henry VIII. (sic) were passed over
in silence by his enemies, and only his shortcomings, his wickedness and crimes
were spoken about without much scrupling whether the accusations brought forth
against him were true or not; whether he was guilty of the crimes that were laid
to his charge or not. Richard's friends did not dare take his part openly because
they would have brought upon themselves severe persecutions and punishments.
Again, there was not much chronicling at these warly times, only here and there
some recluse in his lonely cell noted down the facts that came to his knowledge,
and only those chronicles dared show themselves that were written for Henry, whilst
those that did justice to Richard remained hidden away in the libraries where they
were found but lately. A close examination and comparison of all writings concern-
ing the life of Richard has brought to light the curious fact, that the depravity
of Richard increases, that his crimes get the more numerous the more the distance
increases that separates the writer from Richard's time, and that sometimes the
atrocities which the latest writer relates as a fact, are mentioned merely as a
rumor by the chronicler from whom he got his information, whilst contemporary
writers are silent about them. When Shakespeare wrote his plays, wicked Richard
was firmly established in Holinshed's and Hall's chronicles as well as in popular
tradition, and if he represented Richard as he found him there, he did not mean to
do him any wrong. Yet there is no writer who has wronged Richard more than Shake-
spere because for centuries the English have got their knowledge of the history of
Richard's time but from Shakespeare's plays of which Richard III. has always been
the favorite one. And there is no doubt that Richard III. will continue to be the
most applauded of the historical plays although the truth will be known more and
more that it does not give true history, but that it is a most admirable character
painting of their great dramatist."

"Now, had Richard been the bloody monster he has been represented by Shake-
spere and tradition, he certainly would have persecuted all those he knew to be
his enemies, or whom he could not trust. But he did nothing of the kind. He, on
the contrary, tried hard to reconcile them, he endeavoured to diminish the misery
of those families whose heads had been put to death by his order by settling an-
nuities upon them. He was bent upon redressing all wrongs that came to his know-
ledge, insisted upon strict justice being administered by the magistrates through-
out the realm, and in order to inquire into the wants or grievances of his subjects
began a progress through the kingdom but a few days after his coronation. To im-
prove and encourage learning, he bestowed upon several of the colleges of Oxford
and Cambridge large sums of money, in short he showed himself of a truly royal
mind. How great his zeal was to give his people good laws may be seen from the
fact that during his short reign as protector and king there were issued no less
than 2,378 articles of grants, and public documents of which many are still in use
(Halstead, Richard III.). Of all this nothing is said in Shakespeare's play."
Forasmuche as every King, Prince, and Liege Lord, the more he is that he be in estate and prehemenence, the more singularly he is bound to the advancement and preferring of that indifferente vertue Justice; and promotinge and rewardinge Vertue, and bi oppressinge and punishinge Vice: Wherefore our Soveraigne Lord, calleinge unto hye blessed remembrance thys high and grete charge adjoyned to his Royall Majestie and Estate, not oblivious nor puttinge out of hye godly wond the unnaturall, wichevous, and grete Perjuries, Treasons, Homicides and Murdres, in shedding of Infants blood, with manie other Wrongs, odious Offences, and abominacions ayenst God and Man, and in espell oure said Soveraigne Lord, committed and done by Richarid late Duke of Glouc's, callinge and nameinge hymsel, by waerpan, King Richard the Illc; the which, with John late Duke of Norff', Thomas Erle of Surrie, Francis Lovell Knant Visc'Lovell, Walter Devereaux Knat, late Lord Ferrers, John Lord Zouchs, Robert Harrington, Richard Charleton, Richard Ratcliffe, William Berkley of Welley, Robert Brackenbury, Thomas Pillkinton, Robert Midletoun, James Harrington, Kate, Walter Hopton, William Catesby, Foger Weke, William Sapcott, Humfrey Stafford, William Clarke of Henlocke, Jeffrey St Jermin, Richard Jatkins, Herrauld of Arms, Richard Nevell of Derbyshyre, Thomas Poulter of the Countes of Kent the Younger, John Walsh otherwyse called Hastings, John Kendale, late Secretarie to the said Richard late Duke, John Buck, Andrew Fatt, and William Bramton of Eurford, the XXIst daie of August, the first yere of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lord, assembled to thysme atte Leicestre in the Countee of Leicestre a grete Hoste, traiterously intendinge, imagininge, and conspiringe the destruction of the Kings Royall psoun, oure Soveraigne Leige Lord. And they, with the same Hoste, with Banners spred, mightyly armed and defended with all manner Armes, as Gunnes, Bowes, Arrowes, Speres, Cleves, Axes, and all other manner Articles apt or needfull to geft and causc mightie Battaille agen oure said Soveraigne Lord, kept togedre from the said XXII daie of the said Month thanne the next followinge, and thysme conducde to a Feld within the said Shyre of Leicestre, there bi grete and continued deliberacon, traiterously levied Warre ayenst oure said Soveraine Lord, and his true Subjects there being in his service and assistance under a Banner of oure said Soveraigne Lord, to the subversione of this Realm, and Comon weale of the same. Therefore, by the advise and assent of the Lordes Spell and Tamporell, and of the Coens, in this present Parliament assembled, and bi auctoritie of the same, be it enacted, established and ordained, deemed and declared, that the said Richard Duke of Glouc's, otherwise callinge King Richard the Illc, John late Duke of Norff' . . . (repetition of all of the above names) . . . stand and be convicts and atteinte of High Treason, and disabled . . . and forejugedd of all manner of Honors, Estate, Dignitec and Prichomenence, and the names of the same, and forfeit to oure said Soveraigne Lord, all Castelles, Mannors, Lordshippe, Hundreds, Franchise, Liberties, Privilidges, Advouesons, Nominacions, Presentacions, Lands, Tents, Rents, Services, Fervisions, Portions, Annuities, Pensions, Rights, Hereditaments, Goods, Cattelles and Debs, whereof they or any other to the use of eny of them, were seised or possessed the said XXII daie of August, or at any tyme after, within the Feues of England, Ireland Malles or Caleys, or in the marches thereof, in Fee Simple, Fee Taille, or Terms of Lyfe or Lives. . . . (There is considerably more text regarding the land laws: rights of wives of the persons attained, and their heirs, also provisions for the tenants on the lands seised by King Henry, etc.)

(Notice that the tenants themselves, "Tents" in the above text, are forfeited to the new King along with the lands and the cattle!)
To the High and hyghty Prince Richard Due of Gloucester.

Please it yours Noble Grace to understande the consideracon, election, and petition underwritten of us the lords Spuelx and Temporelx and comons of this Reame of England, and thereunto agreeably to give your assent, to the comon and public wele of this Lande, to the comforthes and gladnesse of all the people of the same.

Furst, we considre how that heretofore in tyme passed this Lande many years stode in great prosperite, honoure, and tranquilliite, which was caused, forsomoch as the Kings than reignyng used and followed the advice and counsaill of certaine Lords Spuelx and Temporelx, and othre personnes of approved sandesse, prudence, polici, and experience, dredging God, and havyngtendre male and affection to indifferent ministration of Justice, and to the comon and politiue wele of the Land; than cure Lord God, was dred, buffed and honoured; than within the Land was peas and tranquilliite, and among Neighbours concorde and charite; than the malice of outward Enemies was mightily resisted and repressed, and the Land honyorably defended with many grete and glorious victories; than the entrecourse of Merchandizes was largely used and exercised: by which things above remembred, the Land was greatly enriched, soo that as wee the merchants and Artificers, as other poure people, laboryng for their living in diverse occupations, had competen gayne, to the sustentation of thaym and their households, living without miserable and intolerab povertie. But afterward, when that such as had the rule and governance of this Land, delityng in adulation and flattery, and lade by sensuality and concupiscence, folowed the counsaill of personnes insolent, vicious, and of inordinate avarice, despisyng the counsaill of good, vertuous and prudent personnes, such as above be remembred; the prosperite of this Land daily decreased, soo that felicite was turned into miserie, and prosperity into adversite, and the ordre of piblecye, and of the Lawe of God and Man, confounded; whereby it is likely this, eame to fall into extreme miserie and desolation, which God defends, without due provision of couvenable remedie bee had in this behalfe in all goodly bast.

Cver this, amonges other things, more specially wee consider, howe that, the tyme of the Feigns of Kyng Edward the IIII, late decessed, after the ungracious pretensed Marriage, as all England hath cause soo to say, made betwixt the said King Edward, and Elizabeth, sometyme Wife to Sir John Grey Knight, late naming herself and many years heretofore fluene of Englond, the ordre of all politiue Iule was perverted, the Lawes of God and of Gods Church, and also the Lawes of Nature and of England, and also the laudable Customes and Liberties of the same, wherein every Englishman is Inheritor, broken subverted and contemptured, against all reason and justice, soo that this Land was ruled by selfewill and pleasure, fears and drede, all manner of Eouite and Lawes layd apart and despised, whereas ensued many inconviences and mischiefs, as Murdres, Extorisons and Oppressions, namely of poore and impotent people, soo that no Man was sure of his Lif, Land ne Lyvelode, ne of his fif, Daughter ne Servaunt, every good Maiden and Woman standing in drede to be ravished and defouled. And besides this, what Discords, inwarde Battailles, effusion of Christian mans Blode, and namly, by the destruction of the noble Blade of this Londe, was had and comitted within the same, it is evident and notarie throoure all this EeEme, unto the great sorowe and hevynesse of all true Englishmen. And here also we considre, howe that the said pretensed Mariage bitwixt the above named King Edward and Elizabeth Grey, was made of grete presumption, without the knowing and assent of the Lords of this Londe, and also by Sorcerie and Wicheraite, committted by the said Elizabeth, and her Moder Joauett Duchesse of Bedford, as the comon opinion of the people, and the publique voices and fame is thorough all this Land; and herafter, if and as the case shall require, shall bee proved sufficiently in tyme and place convenient. And here also we consider, howe that the said pretensed Mariage was made privaly and secretly, without Edition of Banns, in a private Chamber, a prodhane place, and not openly in the face of the Church, after the Lawe of Gods Churches, bot contrarie therunto, and the laudable Custome of the Church of
England. And howe also, that at the tyme of contract of the same pretended marriage, and before and longe tyme after, the said King Edward was and stode married and trouth plight to one Dame Elinor Buteler, Daughter of the old Earl of Shrewesbury, with whom the same King Edward had made a precontract of Matrimonie, longe tyme before he made the said pretended marriage with the said Elizabeth Grey, in maner and fourme above said. Which premised being true, as in very trouth they been true, it appeareth and foloweth evidently, that the said King Edward during his lif, and the said Elizabeth, lived together sinfully and damnably in adulterie, against the Law of God and of his Church; and therefore noo marvaille that the Souverein Lord and the head of this Land, being of such ungodly disposition, and provocking the ire and indignacion of our Lord God, such hyeuous mischiefs and inconvenients, as is above remembred, were used and omittid in the Feame amongst the Subjectts. Also it appeareth evidently and foloweth, that all th' Issue and Children of the said King Edward, been Bastards, and unable to inherit or to claime any thing by Inheritance, by the Lawe and Custome of England.

Moreover we considre, howe that afterward, by the thre Estates of this Feame assembled in a Parliament, holden at Westm', the XVIIth yeare of the Regne of the said King Edward the IIIIth, he than being in possession of the Coroune and Royall Estate, by an Acte made in the same Parliament, George Duc of Clarence, Brother to the said King Edward now deceased, was convicted and attainted of High Treason; as in the same Acte is conteigned more at large. Because and by reason wherof, all the Issue of the said George, was and is disabled and barred of all Right and Claime, that in any wise they might have or challenge by Inheritance, to the Crown and Dignite hoiall of this Feame, by the auncien Lawe and Custome of this same Feame.

Over this we considre, howe that Ye be the undoubted Son and Heire of Richard late Duke of Yorke, verray enheritour to the said Crowne and Dignite hoiall, and as in right Kyng of England, by way of Enheritance; and that at this tyme, the premisses ducly considered, there is noen other persoune lyving but Ye only, that by Right may claime the said Coroune and Dignite hoiall, by way of Enheritance, and knowe that Ye be born within this Lands; by reason wherof, as we dene inoure myndes, Ye be more naturally enclyned to the prosperite and crown weel of the same; and all the thre Estates of the Lands haue, and may have, more certayn knowlinge of youre Eyrth and Filiation above said. We considre also, the greats Wytte, Prudence, Justice, Principely Courage, and the memorables end laudables Acts in diverse Battals, which as we by experience knows Ye heretofore have done, for the salvacon and defence of this same Feame; and also the greats noblesse and excellence of your Byrth and Blode, as of hym that is descended of the thre moost Royall houses in Cristendom, that is to say, England, France, and Hispanic. Wherefore, these premisses by us diligently considered, we desyryng effectously the pease, tranquillit: and well publique of this Lands, and the reduction of the same to the auncien honourable estate and prosperite, and havynge in youre gruode Prudence, Justice, Principely Courage, and excellent Vertue, singular confidence, have chosen in all that that in us is, and by this our Wrytyng chose You, high end wyghty Pryncce, into oure Kyng and Sovereigne Lorde &c., to whom we knowe for certayn it appertayngth of Enheritance to bee chosen. And herupon we humbly desire, pray, and require youre said Noble Grace, that, according to this Eleccion of us the Thre Estates of this Lands, as by youre true Enheritance, Ye will accepte and take upon You the said Crowne and Royall Dignite, with all thyngs therunto annexed and apperteyning, as to You of Right bilongying, as well by Enheritance as by lawfull Eleccion: and, in cases Ye so do, we promitt to serve and to assiste your Highness, as true and feithful Subjegtes and Liegemen, and to lyve and dye with You in this matter, and every other just quarrell. For certainly wee be determined, rather to aventure and comittte us to the perill of oure lyfs and joyerdye of deth, than to lyve in suche thraldome and bondage as we have lyved long tyme heretofore, oppressed and injured by Extorcions and new Imposecions, agaynst the Lawes of God and Men, and the Libertee, old Policie, and Lawes of this Feame, wheryn every Englishman is enherited. Our Lords God, Kyng of all Kyngs, by whose infynyte goodnesse and eternall providence all thynges been principally gouverned in this world, lighten youre soule, and graunt You grace to do, as well in this matter as in all other, all that that may be according to his wills and pleasure, and to the
common and publick wele of this Lande: so that, after great cloudes, troubles, 
storms and tempestes, the Son of Justice and of Grace may shyne uppon us, to the 
comforte and gladness of all true Englishmen. Albeit that the Right Title, and 
Estate, which are Souveraigne Lorde the Kyng Richard the Third, hath to and in 
the Crown and Poiall Dignite of this Feme of England, with all thyngs therunto 
within the same Feme, and without it, united, annexed and apperteynyng, been juste 
and lawfull, as grounded upon the Lawes of God and of Nature, and also upon the 
auncien Lawes and Laudable Customes of this saide Feme, and so taken and reputed by 
all such persoune as ben lerned in the abovesaid Lawes and Customes. Yet, never-
thless, forsooche as it is considered that the moste parts of the people of this 
Lande is not suffisiantly lerned in the abovesaid Lawes and Customes whereby the 
Truchth and Fight in this behalf of likeyhode may be hyd, and not cleerly knowne to 
all the people and thereupon put in doubt and question: And over this hews that 
the courtes of Parliamentis of suche autorite, and the people of this Lande of suche 
nature and disposicion, as experience teacheth that manifestation and declaration 
of any Truchth or Fight made by the Thre Estats of this Feme assembled in Parliament 
and by autorite of the same may before all other thyng, moost faith and cert-
taintyng men's myndes, remoweth the cdcasion of all doubts and sedi-
tious language: Therefore at the request, and by the assent of the Three Estats 
of this Feme, that is to say, the Lords Spuelx and Temporalx and Comens of this 
Lande, assembed in this present Parliament by autorite of the same, bee it pro-
nounced, decreed and declared, that our saide Souveraigne Lords the Kinges was and is 
very and undoubt Kyng of this Feme of England; with all thyngs thereunto within 
this same Feme, and without it annexed unite and apperteynyng, as well by right of 
consanguinite and inheritance as by lawful election, consecration and coronacion. 
And over this, that at the request, and by the assent and autorite abovesaid bee it 
ordeigned, enacted and established that the said Crowns end Poiall Dignites of this 
Feme, and the Inheritaunce of the same, and other thyngs thereunto within the same 
Feme or without it annexed unite and apperteynyng, rest and abyde in the 
Personne of our said Souveraigne Lord the Kyng during his lyfe, and after his 
decease in his heires of his body begotten. And in especiall, at the request and 
by the assent and autorite abovesaid, bee it ordeigned, enacted, established, pro-
nounced, decreed and declared that the high and excellent Prince Edward, sonne of our 
said Souveraign Lord the Kyng, be heere apparent of abovesayds Crowns and Poiall 
Dignite, with all thyngs as is aboresaid thereunto unite annexed and apperteynyng, 
to have them after the decease of our saide Souveraign Lorde the Kyng to hyw and to 
his heires of his body lawfully begotten.
AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS FROM ENGLAND

Bill Snyder, Washington area Director, wrote from England on May 12:

"On Saturday, May 4, we met at York Minster at 9 and viewed the illuminated manuscript the Society presented to the Minster in 1966 containing excerpts from York city records about the visit of Richard III and his Queen to York in 1483, following his coronation on July 6. It is a beautiful manuscript and we have ordered a color reproduction from Richards Photographers, Bootham, York. Then, we went to the York library where the Librarian had put out for our view pertinent reference to Richard III, and I made some notes.

At 10:30 we left by coach for Middleham, where we saw the church, castle, and cross. The Minister took us through the church and closed with 'Richard's Prayer'. We thought the ruins of Middleham castle very interesting and impressive. We had lunch at Bolton Castle (associated with Mary, Queen of Scots), and visited Barnard Castle in the afternoon, ending with dinner at the Rose and Crown at Barnbridge. On Sunday, May 5, we visited Sheriff Hutton church and Castle and saw the touching tomb of Richard's son, Edward. We were happy to meet Patrick Bacon, Isolde Wigram, Valerie Giles, Sue Hester and her mother and the other Ricardians. Those who make the August trip may look forward to a most interesting and rewarding experience. We enjoyed every bit of it, including - and especially - getting to meet and know the English members. Everyone was most cordial."

Bill took a great many slides of all that he saw, and we hope that he will be able to show them at the annual meeting and share more of his experiences with us.

NOTICE CALLED TO RICHARD'S DEATH

The following letter appeared in COUNTRY LIFE, October 26, 1968 - the author is the Secretary of the English Branch:

ENGLAND'S KING WITH NO GRAVE

Sir, - In connection with Mr. Olive Richardson's interesting account (CORRESPONDENCE, October 5) of the tomb and inscription to Sir William Roberts in the church of St. James, Sutton Cheney, in Leicester, your readers may be interested in a new inscription there. This reads: "Remember before God Richard III King of England and those who fell at Bosworth Field having kept faith 22 August 1485. Loyalte me lie."

It was given this year by the Richard III Society and dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on May 6. It is intended to replace Richard's lost memorial in Leicester (he alone of all the sovereigns of England has no surviving grave) and to divert to the church the attention of visitors to the site of the battlefield, which is now farmland and to which there is no public access. ISOLDE WIGRAM (Miss) Hon Sec. RICHARD III SOCIETY, 39 Lennox Gardens, London S. W. 1

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

THE PLANTAGENETS, by John Harvey

THE GHOST OF RICHARD III, a poem printed in 1614, and founded upon Shakespeare's Historical play', - Xerox copy of 1814 edition - Donated to the library by Lydia Fish

BOOK LOOK

THE WHITE BOAR, by Marion Palmer, is the August alternate selection of the Literary Guild.
HOW'S THIS FOR A COURSE??

THE GREAT RICHARD III MURDER MYSTERY

Professor Wood

This seminar will study the reign of Richard III (1483-85), giving particular attention to the alleged murder of the little princes in the Tower. Of central concern will be not only the question of "Who done it?" but also such related topics as the problem of historical significance and the nature of the incident's literary and dramatic appeal. Reading will be drawn from original sources and later accounts, among which will be those by Sir Thomas More, Shakespeare, Stubbs, Kendall, and Josephine Tey. If available, cinematic interpretations will also be studied.

Each student will write four essays and present the final one orally in class.

The above is a quote from the Freshman Seminar Program, 1967-68 Dartmouth College: Hanover, N.H. HISTORY.

Maude French, Regional director of the New Hampshire Area discovered it - as she tells it:

"I have several copies of the enclosed, look on p. 22, in the middle, a History Seminar on Richard. This is fantastic. I went to a library party at 11:15 of a Saturday morning when a portrait of the retiring librarian was to be presented to the college. Arrived to find champagne flowing, which set me back a couple of paces, the hour and the location. But in conversation with various people, a member of the history department was pointed out to me and when he sat in front of me, alone in the front row, I spoke to him after the speeches. It turned out he teaches Medieval History, so I blithely asked him if he would like to join the Richard III Society. As he is the professor who is teaching this course, you can imagine what this did to him! He knew that there was such a Society, but did not know much more. This is a series of Freshmen research seminars. One year they read Hope Munta's GOLDEN WARRIOR, another St. JOAN by Shaw, and now Daughter of Time. I've been promised copies of interesting papers, and hope to have the class come to my house for a meeting or something. Whole thing fantastic. Will keep things posted as they develop.

Maude French

While on the West Coast recently, Betty Schloss had occasion to meet with the West Coast members in San Francisco and Los Angeles. She comments:

'Socializing with our Society is not done often enough, and I hope others will find the time to visit as well. Now that the West Coast is back in the American Branch, members expressed interest in attending out annual Fall meeting in New York. I think it will be a delightful addition and hope our date will be announced soon so that travel plans can be worked out.

Many of our members will be on the Society tour in August, and others have told me about already traveling in England this year or in previous years.

The two teas, one in San Francisco on June 9th and the other in Los Angeles on June 15th brought out a total of 20 members and guests. We had a good time talking and discussing the recent Saturday Review articles and other recent publications presenting a good or bad image of Richard. Further plans were made to get together and now that the REGISTER will reach all members in the United States, Ricardians heading North, South, East, or West can take note.

Betty has asked me to remind Western members that dues are payable before October 30. Anyone who wishes can pay now (see Secretary's Report for further details). For Western members who have not used the library - the library has a wide range of material. Write to Mrs Elizabeth Haynes, 4149 25th St, Arlington, Va., and tell her what you would like to borrow. You pay only for the return postage.

ATTENTION MIDWESTERNERS!

OHIO, BUFFALO, INDIANA, WEST VIRGINIA, AND PITTSBURGH members and any others who would like to come are invited to a coffee/tea at 6626 Rocky Den Road, Reynoldsburg (Near Columbus) Ohio. Please notify the editor if you can come and I will send you directions to the house. DATE OF MEETING: July 27, TIME: 1:30 p.m.

Peggy Haller and I are co-hosting the event which will include an interesting program as well as the chance for Ricardian discussion. Members who can come are also invited to stay for an informal supper.
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

As those of you who glance through the pages of a magazine before reading it have noticed, this issue is memorable for two reasons. One, we have taken in more new members in the last month than ever before - primarily due to the article by Mr Jerome Beatty, Jr. Two, Section I is being professionally printed for the first time - printing in exchange for the notice on this page - and is in sharp contrast to Section II. Any errors or smudges in Section I are due to the typist - me - who is not used to multilith mats. Peggy Haller will be typing them next time, so then the procedure will be fully professional. In future issues, the whole REGISTER will be printed. We hope to have at least three pages of news (SECTION I), and two to three pages of material for your Ricardian Libraries (SECTION II). Volunteers for regular columns are invited.

As of this issue, the REGISTER is a bi-monthly publication. That is, it will come out six times a year. Special notices will be mailed out as required.

An increase in dues is being very seriously contemplated. At the moment the officers are visualizing increasing the regular dues by at least $1, the family by $2 and leaving the student dues at the present rate. Final decision will be made at the annual meeting - comments before then are invited.

I have no more pins, pendants, or postcards on hand now - they are on order. As soon as they arrive I will send them to those of you who have ordered them. I have copies of THE BETRAYAL OF RICHARD III by V. B. Lamb. The cost of these is $3.50 which includes postage. I also have copies of TO PROVE A VILLAIN ordered (to those new members who have joined, this is the book we have called 'indispensable' for any RICARDIAN library, more on it next time) the cost of this book is $3.00 which also includes postage.

I should very much like to thank Mrs Peggy Haller, who helped to get this issue out, and who will become an assistant editor and official typist.

Jean Airey
Secretary-Treasurer

WESTERNERS HOLD MEETING

The Western Branch of the Richard III Society met on April 20, 1968. They voted to re-merge with the Eastern Branch. The members in the Bay area have formed a Northern California Chapter, with dues to be 50¢ biannually, and periodic meetings. Mrs Jan Spalding is the Regional Director of the California area, and Mrs Nancy Wilson is Regional Secretary.

There was some discussion of a proposed 15th Century dinner for members and their spouses to be hosted by one of the members in the Bay Area, and held sometime in the fall. The menu would consist of 15th Century dishes. At least 25 people would have to attend and there would be a charge to cover expenses.

After the business meeting, members viewed a lovely color film entitled "The England of Elizabeth," historical adviser was A. L. Rowse, but it was still a lovely film.

Synopsis of report sent to Western members by Nancy Wilson, Secretary

Reduce your risk of HEART ATTACK

1. Control high blood pressure
2. Don't smoke cigarettes
3. Reduce if overweight
4. Eat foods low in saturated fats and cholesterol
5. Exercise regularly, moderately
6. Get periodic health check-ups, and

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A hearty welcome to all these
new members.
Attention, all new members or those individuals who have been bluffing their way through the Society for several years, as have we! How well do you know your Richard III? Could you answer the following questions: "To what extent, in appraisal of Richard, does Myers escape from the moral necessity of "proving a villain"? "Who is Myers?" "Could you analyze the basis of the "revisionist" position?" If you have succeeded in answering the preceding questions in the affirmative, you have obviously already read the book and have conjectured by now that we are describing Professors Littleton and Rea's To Prove a Villain. If not, pray continue.

They have compiled a broad scope of historical and literary sources a variety of views of Richard ranging from Shakespeare's original portrait of a villain, to the more complex character that has been popularized by Josephine Tey. The result is a totally unbiased, "decide for yourself," case-book. This is of particular value for the novice who would appreciate a broad understanding of the dispute of "villain versus saint." It also makes available to the layman, works that would otherwise be rather difficult to obtain. Unless you happen to have among other things, a copy of the "English Historical Review," VI (1891).

The authors have supplemented their work with a series of thought provoking questions and an excellent bibliography for those whose interest has been stimulated to further research. However, fine as it is, it overlooks an important work by not mentioning The Last Plantagenets from Thomas B. Costain's series dealing with the dynasty's history.

Also on the negative side unless you are an "introduction or preface" reader, the chronological order may throw you off a bit.

Professor Rea's interest in Richard goes back to his childhood exposure to the plight of the princes through an old nineteenth century painting and Hollywood's famous version, "The Tower of London." As with many of us, it was Josephine Tey's mystery which, combined with his profession as an English historian that made Professor Rea an avid Ricardian. And at the suggestion of Professor Littleton, they collaborated on "To Prove a Villain." At any rate, the result in our opinion, was brilliant.

Madeline Dejesa
Pat Coogan

WASHINGTON AREA MEETING

About 15 Washington area members attended the regional meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Snyder. It was very easy for new members to locate the house, as the silken white boar banner made by Libby Haynes was flying from a flagstaff on the front lawn. Bobbi Jacobs who was visiting told about the Rowe meeting and each member spoke about his or her Ricardian activities. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder then showed slides of their May, 1968 trip to England. Dessert and coffee were served, and an excellent time had by all.

COME TO ANNUAL MEETING!

September 28, 1968, John Barleycorn, New York City
I have been looking for *The Rose of Raby* by Evelyn Payne Ellis, mentioned in *The Daughter of Time*. After much consultation of old books in print and cumulative book indexes available at the San Francisco Public Library and at University of California at Berkeley, I've concluded there is no such book.

I began my search by using Guy Paget's *Rose of Raby*, 1937, in which he mentions in his preface an earlier historical novel about Cicely, and so that book must have been published previous to his. Working back from that date I finally found in the book catalogue of the U.C. Library a novel listed as Cicely; or *The Rose of Raby, an Historical Novel*, printed in 1795 in London, four volumes, catalogued with the author as Agnes Musgrave. But the books as I examined them do not have an author listed on the title page, nor is there any Agnes Musgrave in the book, although there are fictitious Musgrave characters.

There are four small volumes about 250 pages each, long boring pages in type difficult to read, typical of the period. The four volumes tell of Cicely's life through "letters addressed to a lady of the noble family of Lumley; many from the Duchesses of York and Clarence, Countess of Warwick, and some few from Anne, the Queen of Richard the Third; those the most mutilated were written by Edward the Fourth and all their dates were confined between the years 1440 and 1500."

In Paget's preface he says he could refer to a "novel called Cicely Neville, *The Rose of Raby* which makes Cicely out to have first married an Earl of Warwick, who never existed, and to have had a baby by him at the age of two! "So he must have been referring to this Musgrave book in which Cicely marries Lord Beauchamp, the heir of the Warwicks, about 1416, shortly after she has met Henry V after the Battle of Agincourt, 1415, the year that is established as Cicely Neville's birth. In this Musgrave novel, Henry V fell in love with Cicely who did not return his love. Henry wanted his beloved Cicely to be a queen even if she wouldn't be his, and proposes that she marry James of Scotland, but James loves Joan of Somerset, Cicely's cousin. It is at Henry's court that Cicely is first styled the Rose of Raby, her admirers wearing a white rose in her honor. The Duke of Orleans is also Cicely's admirer.

The four volumes tell of Cicely's adventures, very difficult to follow, with some names and events reasonably correct, but most of the account rambles and rambles. The tone is anti-Richard, the book ending with Cicely's letter to her confidante Matilda: "Ah Richard, what did royalty avail thee, short lived was thy power-thy conscience thou vainly triedst to still, by the dream of grandeur, thou hadst waded through seas of blood to obtain, seated on a throne, with a breast corroded by care, thy aching heart cursed the thorns which lined that coronet, thou fanciedst filled with down, yet soon thou hadst no heir to inherit the station thou hadst taken such pains to curse thyself to obtain; ah when Edward, his only child expired at Middleham, sure then the infant blood he had split, sate heavy on his perfurred soal. Ah, sure, sure, neer mother was so unhappy in her offspring as I have been....When the news reached me of the defeat of Richard at Bosworth, I did not mourn, I had lost a son, but I was humbled before the Ruler of the World who had made me a mother, who gave Richard as a scourge for the crimes of the race of Plantagenets, of whom perhaps he was the last, destined to fill the throne of England. (Then she talks about Elizabeth of York)....Come, Matilda, and see Elizabeth of York, seated on a throne which shall descend to her posterity forever; still you will love her, as you fondly used to say, in face, person and temper, she so strongly resembled your CICELY."

Advertisement - Through unforeseen circumstances, the work has laid dormant - it was given into the hands of the printer two years since. He hopes the public will accept this apology for its delay.

I've read all four volumes and don't feel they add anything to the story of Richard unless someone is doing a paper on attitudes toward Richard III at various periods of history. If anyone has any clues about the Payne-Ellis book, I'd be pleased to know of them. -- by Dorothy Marsden.
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ATTENTION HISTORIANS!

Mrs. Sol Newman writes: "I subscribe to the magazine "History," published by the Historical Association in England, and the June issue carried an article by A. R. Myers titled "Richard III and Historical Tradition." I had it xeroxed and mailed it to Libby Haynes for the library. I would be interested to see comments on it by some Ricardian member who is a trained historian. It is well worth reading, and gives considerable information on C. R. Markham who wrote on various other subjects besides Richard. I assume the British Society will be aware of the article." Mrs. Virginia Jacobs also spotted the same article and sent me a copy and I certainly agree with her comment that it is very informative and definitely "must" reading for any member of the Society.

A SOUND BODY = A STRONG MIND?

Doctor Louis Pelnar has sent in a fascinating article from Diagnostica, May-June, 1968, entitled "A Wrist, Withered Arm," by David Unwin. This is a most interesting article contrasting the "normal" Richard and the Tudor monstrosity. Mr. Unwin comments, "The moderate view among concerned historians now holds that having one shoulder higher than the other was Richard's sole deformity of body." He also places quite a bit of credence in Dr. J. Swift Joly's "strawberry" theory. (And if you don't know what that is, read "To Prove a Villain.") This is a very well written and unbiased article and contains one statement on which both sides have to agree. "The dispute over the true nature and actions of Richard III is now more than 350 years old, and shows no signs of abating."

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Contd.)

This will be a most important meeting, besides the proposed raise in dues, we will also be voting on a reorganization of the American Branch set-up. If you would like to invite some friends to the meeting, they would be welcome. We don't demand a showing of credentials.

I would like to welcome to this issue two new contributing editors, Madeline Dejesa and Pat Coogan. They have fulfilled their first assignment admirably and are now working on their second.

There were six In Memorium notices in the New York Times including one by the Phantom "Jr. Brands Association."

By now you should have all received copies of the annual meeting notice. If you haven't, see the first page for details. Our seating is limited, and reservations will be on a first come - first serve basis, so make your reservations now.
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TEXT OF LETTER WRITTEN BY RICHARD III TO HIS CHANCELLOR, THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN:

By the King,

Right reverend Father in God etc., Signifying unto you that it is showed unto us that our servant and solicitor, Thomas Lynom, marvellously blinded and abused with the late (wife) of William Shore now being in Ludgate by our commandment, hath made contract of matrimony with her, as it is said, and intendeth, to our great marvel, to proceed to effect the same. We for many causes would be sorry that he so should be disposed. Pray you, therefore, to send for him, and, in that ye goodly may, exhort and stir him to the contrary; and if ye fine him utterly set for to marry her and none otherwise will be advertised, then, if it may stand within the law of the Church, we be content, the time of the marriage deferred to our coming next to London, that upon sufficient surety found of her good bearing, ye do send for her bearing keeper and discharge him of our said commandment, by warrant of these, committing her to the rule and guiding of her father or any other by your given discretion, in the mean season.

To the Right Rev. Father in God the Bishop of Lincoln our Chancellor.

Harleian Library, No. 2378 (spelling modernized)

EXTRACT OF A WARRANT, ISSUED AT WINCHESTER BY RICHARD III, AUTUMN, 1483

to Mr. John Gunthorpe, keeper of the Privy Seal, to discharge Richard Bele from his place of the said Privy Seal, to which he had been admitted contrary to the old rule and due order, by mean of giving of great gifts, and other sinister and ungodly ways, in great discouraging of the under-clerks, which have long continued therein to have the experience of the same, to see a stranger, never brought up in the said office, to put them by of their promotion.

Harl. 433, Vol. 123 (spelling modernized)

LETTER WRITTEN BY RICHARD III TO HIS MOTHER, THE DUCHESS OF YORK:

Madam,

I recommend me to you as heartily as is to me possible. Beseeching you in my most humble and effectuous wise of your daily blessing, to my singular comfort and defence in my need. And, madam, I heartily beseech you that I may often hear from you to my comfort. And such news as be here my servant Thomas Bryan, this bearer, shall show you; to whom please it you to give credence unto. And, madam, I beseech you to be good and gracious lady to my lord my Chamberlain, to be your officer in Wiltshire in such as Colyngbourne had. I trust he shall therein do you service. And that it please you that by this bearer I may understand your pleasure in this behalf. And I pray God to send you the accomplishment of your noble desires.

Written at Pounfreit, the 3rd day of June, with the hand of Your most humble son, Ricardus Rex.

Harl. 433, Vol. 2 (spelling modernized)

ARTICLE ON WILLIAM CAXTON - APRIL, 1960

"After Edward IV's untimely death and the cruel elimination of 'the gentle Rivers,' even when the 'most fair and most redoubted younge lords,' Edward Prince of Walusæ, had vanished like a shadow, he (Caxton) felt no compunction in presenting 'The Order of Chivalry' to his 'redoubted naturel and most dradde soverayn lord, Kyng Richard.' Has any apostle of Richard III suggested that Caxton may have had personal knowledge of the fate of his former patron's eldest son that cleared Richard in the printer's eyes from any tincture of guilt? Otherwise it is difficult to understand how he could conclude the Epilogue thus:

And I shalle pray almyty god for his long lyf, & prosperous welfare, that he may have victory of al his enemies and after this short & transitory lyf to have everlastyng lyf in heven."
ANNUAL MEETING

With almost 70 persons attending the meeting and a magnificent speaker, the annual meeting of the American Branch was one of the finest held in the history of the Branch.

The Treasurer reported that we have a cash balance of $171.50. The Librarian reported that the Library has doubled in size and that there have been quite a few significant losses in the mail of irreplaceable papers. It was decided that all Library material be sent out registered or insured and members are asked to return material to the Library in the same manner.

The Secretary pointed out that our membership has more than doubled in the past year and expenses have also increased. Plans for the next year include the printing of an American Branch brochure, new library lists, incorporation, and expansion of the Library. Under the present dues system 1/2 of the dues go to England for support of research activities there. The actual cost/member to the Branch exceeds the balance of dues monies which remain. It was moved by Mrs. Charles Greenwald and seconded by Mrs. Betty Schloss that the dues be raised to $4.00 for regular membership, $7.00 for family membership and remain at $2.00 for student membership. The motion was unanimously carried.

Richard III at Dartmouth College. He stated that of the 16 participants in the course, three concluded that Henry VII "did it," two were inclined to blame Henry, but didn't think the evidence was quite strong enough for conviction, and eleven thought the problem insoluble. It was a most interesting lecture and one which was enjoyed by everyone.

Dr. Donald Kilgore then gave a report on his correspondence with the author of "Welsh, Withered Arm" and some points all of us should observe when writing on behalf of the Society. These points will be given to all in the next issue of the Register.

Miss Gretchen Clumpner then reported on the Society tour of England. The meeting was adjourned.

THE RETURN OF LEARY

Frascis Leary, in the Winter, 1968 Horizon has an article on the Tower of London. He puts the princes' murders on Buckingham in October to coincide with the rebellion, and speculates that if Richard has agreed to see him at Salisbury, Buckingham might have agreed to confess to the murders in return for lifting the death penalty or the attainder of his heirs.

D of T AVAILABLE

Judge Donald F. Lybarger, Chief Justice, Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, has a copy of D of T available and will be glad to present it to anyone of the members who would like it.

NEW MEMBERS

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A LOOK AT THE MEMBERS
By Madeline Dejesa and Pat Coogan

For those of you who have been breathlessly awaiting the results of the questionnaire—you need asphyxiate no longer. For behold, your two contributing editors have performed a task of monumental proportions, and are now ready to present the fruits of their labor.

For those of you whose respiratory system have been continuing normally, or who have no idea of what we are talking about, permit us to explain. It seems that a little over a year ago, there was distributed among you a questionnaire, for the purpose of obtaining your opinions and comments on a variety of Ricardian topics.

Tabulation is now completed and will be presented to you in a series of articles, this being the introduction. We thought that perhaps the best way of introducing you to this material would be through a bestowing of awards on those we deemed the most outstanding.

Our "Legibility" award to the gentleman and lady who returned blank questionnaires. They also received our "Kindness to the Editors" award.

Our "Obscure Comment" award (We wished to present an award in this category, however this is impossible as the gentleman to whom we feel it rightly belongs, is he to whom we affectionately refer "the eligible man.")

Our "Most Artistic" award to our friend who wrote with the purple crayon.

Our "Pepsi Generation" award goes to the young lady who kindly said that in her opinion the Society was "groovy."

Our "Most Ambitious" award to the gentleman who suggested a prime time television series. Dramatic no less.

Our "Most Prolific Writers" award to the team whose "other comments" extended over two minutely written pages. And finally, our "Nonentity" award to the person who apparently wished to remain anonymous.

At any rate, if you have the stamina be sure to watch for the results of our "gallop-poll." ("A horse! A horse! my kingdom for a horse!")

"BETRAYAL" REVIEWED

A very favorable review of "The Betrayal of Richard III" by V. B. Lamb appeared in "The Augustan," a bimonthly publication of the Augustan Society, Inc. This is an international society with an interest in heraldry, genealogy, orders, medals, decorations, and such related subjects as philatelic heraldry, americans of royal descent, interest in royal claimants and pretenders. The address of the Society is 18002 Faysmith Avenue, Torrance, California. Some excerpts from the review:

"...King Richard late lawfully reigning over us was through grete treason...pitiously slane and murdered to the grete heavyness of this Cite." Thus the citizens of York recorded in the minute book of their Council the death of King Richard the Third. Their evident grief is hardly consistent with the generally accepted view of this king, and there is an extraordinary discrepancy between the monster of the history books and the man as he is revealed in contemporary records. It is quite clear that he was loved and highly respected in the north of England where he spent most of his adult life as Governor, and that this love and respect persisted long after his death.

"...But it is in tracing the origins of the popular version of Richard's story and in the study of its development since his death that the book makes its most interesting contribution to this famous historical controversy."

"Betrayal" is available from the editor at a cost of $3.50 (including postage). Copies are on order and we will have a new supply as soon as the third printing is completed.

Please use attached envelope for dues payment, 1968-69 - NOTE INCREASE.

Regular - $4.00
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ATTENTION HERALDRY EXPERTS

Does anyone out there know if there is any significance to a red boar on an Irish coat of arms? The family name is McCann and the motto is "Crescit Sub Pondere Virtus" - Please write to the editor if you have any knowledge of the origin of this sign.

RICARDIAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Ricardian Christmas cards may be ordered at 60¢ for four cards from Geoffrey Wheeler, 108 Birmingham Road, Oldbury, Warley, Worcestershire, England. (Note: airmail postage to get cards in time will be $1.08.)

LIBRARY

Library statement 1967-68:
On Hand - $ 9.00
Income - 57.00
$66.00

Purchases - $60.50
Postage - 2.55
$63.05

Balance - $ 3.55

129 items circulated
New items:
The Memoirs of Richard III, two volumes by John Heneage Jesse, and Richard III by Jacob Abbott (The Victorian Horror) both gifts of Rosalie Ehrlich.
The Anatomy of Villainy by Nigel Balchin, gift of Bobbi Jacobs.
The Fifteenth Century by Margaret Aston, gift of Bill Hogarth.
Play:
The Spider and the Fly by Rupert Cunningham, gift of Olivia Wilgram.

Typescript:
Extracts from the York Records, gift of Helen Schweser and Arlene Rosner.
The Plantagenet #1, publication of the Midland's Branch, gift of Helen Schweser.

Financial Donations:
Edie Newman and Katherine Neilson.

The new library list will be coming out soon.

RICARDIANS IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Marion N. Kahn has substantially assisted the Pine Plains Free Library in establishing a Memorial Section to Richard III. The story of the section and the Ricardian controversy was covered in a front page article in The Register Herald and a similar front page story on the Society appeared the next week.

Another story on a member and her involvement in the Society appeared in the Seattle Times on August 21, 1968. This member was Mrs. Irene Joshi and several new members have resulted from this article too!
SECTION II

RICHARD III’S OFFER TO ELIZABETH WOODVILLE

I, Richard by the grace of God, etc., in presence of you, my lords spiritual, temporal, and you, my lord mayor and aldermen of London, promise and swear, verbo regio, that if the daughters of Elizabeth Grey, late calling herself Queen of England, that is to wit, Elizabeth, Cecily, Anne, Katherine, and Bridget, will come to me out of the Sanctuary of Westminster, and be guided, ruled, and demeaned after me, then I shall see that they shall be in surety of their lives, and also not suffer any manner hurt by any manner person or persons to them or any of them in their bodies and persons to be done, by way of ravishing or defiling contrary to their wills, nor them nor any of them imprison in the Tower of London or other prison; but that I shall put them into honest places of good name and fame, and them honestly and courteously shall see to be founden and entreated, and to have all things requisite and necessary for their exhibitions and findings as my kinswomen; and that I shall do marry such of them as be marriageable to gentlemen born, and every of them give in marriage lands and tenements to the yearly value of 200 marks for term of their lives, and in likewise to the other daughters when they shall come to lawful age of marriage, if they live. And such gentlemen as shall hap to marry with them I shall straitly charge lovingly to love and entreat them, as wives and my kinswomen, as they will avoid and eschew my displeasure.

And over this, that I shall yearly content and pay, or cause to be contented and paid, for the exhibition and finding of the said Dame Elizabeth Grey, during her natural life, at four terms of the year, that this is to wit, at Pasche, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas, to John Nesfield, one of the esquires of my body, for his finding to attend upon her, the sum of 700 marks of lawful money of England, by even portions; and moreover I promise to them that if any surmise or evil report be made to me of them by any person or persons, that then I shall not give thereunto faith nor credence, nor therefor put them to any manner punishment, before that they or any of them so accused may be at their lawful defence and answer.

In witness whereof, to this writing of my oath and promise aforesaid in your presence made, I have set my sign manual, the first day of March, in the first year of my reign.

Harleian 433, folio 141
(spelling modernized)
VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

March 22 may not be Spring-like, and Manhattan won't have cherry blossoms - but Ricardians are urged to visit anyhow on Saturday, March 22. Betty Schloss has arranged a package tour that we can hardly afford to miss: luncheon at the Hyde Park and a group visit to one of the few magnificent art exhibitions of recent years - MEDIEVAL ART FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS at the Cloisters. We had the pleasure of hearing the Chief Lecturer at the Cloisters, Miss Bonnie Young, at our Annual Meeting two years ago; the same expertise in this visit will be a most unusual treat for our members. The exhibition will never be repeated, and its contents provide an unique opportunity for an understanding of the Medieval World through its art.

William Hogarth, Co-Chairman

DETAILS OF MARCH 22 MEETING

12:00 NOON... Lunch at the HYDE PARK RESTAURANT, 998 Madison Ave. at 77th St., N.Y.C. to conduct a very brief bit of Ricardian business together.

1:30 P.M....... Board the Madison Avenue Bus #4 for trip to the CLOISTERS where a special guide will conduct us through the Medieval Art Collection.

$4.50 per person - includes lunch, tip, and tax, plus admission to the Cloisters exhibition.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THE ATTACHED SLIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT WE CAN MAKE OUR ARRANGEMENTS.

Clip and mail to: Mrs Betty Schloss
Bigelow Apts.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

choice of menu: (check one)

___ Hyde Park Salad Plate (freshly mixed chicken salad, cottage cheese, fresh fruit salad), choice of dessert: sherbert or Hyde Park Cheese Cake and coffee or tea.

___ Open Hot Roast Beef sandwich, gravy and dill pickle, choice of dessert and coffee or tea.

NAME ____________________________________________

ADDRESS ________________________________________

NUMBER OF PERSONS AttENDING ________

check for total amount may be enclosed or collected at the meeting. Please make checks payable to: RICHARD III SOCIETY.

Interested non-members are welcome.
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

You will notice that this issue is not in the double column format. The co-editor is still on holiday, and this format is easier for getting an issue out in the shortest time. At the moment I have a supply of pins, pendants, postcards, and "The Betrayal of Richard III" I cannot guarantee how long this condition will exist, so please order now.

Jean Airey, Secretary-Treasurer

NOTICE TO CALIFORNIA MEMBERS

Dear Fellow Members;

As of October our secretary Nancy Wilson has dropped her membership in the Society. I am therefore without a current list of Bay area members, a secretary, or a meeting place. Is there anyone who would like to volunteer their services for a very small amount of labor and furnish us with a place to meet. I would also like to hear from those of you who are still interested in having some sort of Society activity. Our last meeting was so disappointingly small that I have not undertaken the work of calling another meeting. Drop me a postcard giving me your name and address and perhaps any suggestions you might have for livening up our branch a bit.

Sincerely;
Jan Spalding, Western Area Chairman
566 Chestnut St.
San Francisco, Calif. 94133
Phone: 982-3846

NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH BRANCH

Patrick Bacon, chairman of the English Branch, writes:

"The change-over of officers in the R III hierarchy here has given me much work and that has been hugely added to by the sudden almost aggressive enthusiasm and pressure of the Yorkshire Branch. We have been deluged with revolutionary suggestions, Research ideas, claims on our time and funds and creative recommendations. Most of these seem very sensible and I am driving our new committee to implement many of them... not that they need driving. You will be hearing about the 'Journal of Findings' which we are to publish - and many other items of international interest - in due course and will, I am sure, make allowance for any delays as the two new Jt. Hon. Secys shake down into double harness.

The proposed 'Findings' will consist of a selection of the most important, scholarly, and fact-finding articles which have been published in earlier issues of the RICARDIAN and other Society publications and at Society visits by distinguished lecturers. We are hard at work now on the process of selection. The idea is to be able to sell, both to members and a wider public, this occasional journal and so give ourselves a more professional and detached image. This seems to me exactly to accord with the original American view as expressed in your resolution.

One piece of information all you good people should be told of on behalf of a very grateful Isolde Wigram. Her Fund amounted to £92 at our AGM, time and is a bit more by now. £54 was handled by check and Isolde has purchased some old and much prized glass. Our main gift - the other £38 worth - was a '3rd or 2nd century Etruscan terra cotta boar' which we found in the Folio Society collection of fine arts and objets d'art and which the Folio people have authenticated. It is a splendid beast and was duly handed over in Crosby Hall.'
NOTES FROM THE MEMBERS:

David Handler writes: 'Having just received out copy of 'To Prove a Villain' I must address a query to the Society....towit: included in the volume is a rather extensive excerpt from St. Thomas More's 'Historie of King Richard III' On page 59 of 'To Prove a Villain' is a reference to 'Richard Lord Hastings,' and on page 60 so 'Richard Lord Hastings' and to Edward Lord (or Duke of) Buckingham.'

Now, am I mistaken, or wasn't Hastings named William? And wasn't the Duke of Buckingham named Henry (or Harry) Stafford? Please tell me whether these are 'typos' in the edition of 'To Prove a Villain,' or whether they are simply additional manifests of More's inaccuracies. I have seen no notes on these mistakes, anywhere in the volume. And I have been unable, so far, to see a copy of the complete More work, so as to compare the names. (my preliminary research would seem to indicate that these are typos - other research invited - J.A.)

One last note: Marion Palmer's 'The White Boar' is, I feel, an insidious 'dig' at Richard in that it ascribes to the King knowledge of the Princes' deaths before the death of his own son. And in other ways it implies treachery where logic commands none need have existed. Sir James Tyrrel is a sneaking scoundrel, implicated with Buckingham by inference in this novel. Moreover, to readers not well familiar with the details of this confused and confusing time, this must be a book full of riddles. The author uses names and titles with complete abandon, freely substituting the one for the other, and only a reader well-versed in the dramatic personae of this tragedy will be able to distinguish Richard Neville from Buckingham or Warwick from Harry Stafford, to cite a simple example.

Miss Palmer's greatest error is knowing her subject so well (albeit with several important biases) that she assumes her readers will know it too. 'The White Boar' is a 'fun' book, and it will sell well. As Ricardiana it deserves a place on the shelf, along with all the other writings both favorable and not....be sure too, that it is presumptuous and assumptive and should be recommended to our members only with reservations.

(comments for or against books and articles dealing with Richard III and his times are welcomed J.A.)

Freddie Lipstein, Washington University, St. Louis, 6227 Northwood, 2B, St. Louis Mo. 63105, writes: 'Budding young PhD candidate interested in doing dissertation on legislation and parliaments of Richard III with special attention to and use of Harl. 433 - willing to do transcription and translation of all parts of it. All aids and suggestions welcomed.

Phoebe Alden Tisdale, 15 Jefferson Rd. Winchester, Mass 01890, writes 'I have a recipe for 'Bosworth Jumbles' (four ingredients ). Do you know about that? Cookies baked in an 'S' - because the people knew Stanley was guilty. And they had to swallow it whole!

Bobbi Jacobs reports that an active chapter will soon be formed in the Bryn Mawr area. We are looking forward to her reports.

Jonathan Frid, who plays Barnabas Ross in the daytime serial 'Dark Shadows' was quoted in the Saturday Evening Post (Nov. 30) as saying 'I portrayed so many conspirators in Shakespeare's historical plays that even today my only real political allegiance is the House of York.'

Valerie Giles and Carolyn Hicks have compiled a guide to 'Ricardian Britain'.
Moving right along ("Gallop, Gallop" - A Look at the Members, November, 1968) in our survey of THE survey, we will endeavor in this installment to present you with some relevant statistics.

In answer to the first question "What made you decide to join the Society?" 42.6% of those answering the questionnaire responded that it had been through their reading. Tey's *Daughter of Time* and Costain's series on the Plantagenets were among the most favored. However, the In Memoriam in the New York Times as well as a notice in a medical journal should not be overlooked. Personal interest in Richard and a desire to learn more about him and the era was the basic reason for 29.6% joining. Perhaps the most stirring reason was that expressed by 24.7% who in their sympathy for the cause wished to vindicate Richard, clear his historical and literary image, promote understanding, and spread information. An interest in English history in general and the Plantagenets in particular attracted 22.2%; 16.6% were coerced by family, sisters figuring notably. (A discrepancy in figures is due to the multiple reasons expressed by members.)

The second question dealing with the member's opinion as to the purpose of the Society showed the following results: 37.03% concurred that the Society's aim was to vindicate Richard giving him his rightful place in history, changing the accepted view, etc. The second more impartial group of 31.04% felt it was more important to find out the truth about Richard by promoting more objective and original research; 23.9% thought that by placing Richard's case before the public, we might further the quest for historical truth and accuracy in general. The remaining percent refused comment.

As for the "Be Practical" question concerning member's suggestions for the Society's activities in the up-coming year (We regret to inform you that it has passed.), 33.3% did not comment, 16.6% thought it essential to gain more publicity through greater exposure in the entertainment medias; 14.08% expressed the desire to spread information in a variety of ways too numerous to relate here; 12.9% felt that the Society should encourage research particularly by promoting the translating of primary sources from the Latin to English; 5.5% felt we should carry on as is; 3.6% wished to enlist public figures in Richard's cause thereby reaching a wider audience. Notable in the category was the suggestion to make formal petition to Queen Elizabeth to acknowledge the truth about Richard III and advise her Minister of Education to correct official school history texts; 9.2% wanted an increase in meetings and member contacts, and 1.8% thought that we should get better organized.

In answer to the next query "Have you used the library?" 70.5% responded no, 27.7% said that they had, and 1.8% was not sure. As for "Do you intend to use the library?" 68.6% said yes, 20.3% thought perhaps, and 11.1% no.

The opinion of the members on the subject of change in the Society brought a grand response of " from 59.2%. Another 18.5% complacently responded no. Of the remaining 22.3%: 3.6% wanted more publicity, 1.8% desired that we "incorporate?," 1.8% thought we would do well to set up research scholarships, a thrifty 1.8% wished to increase membership for the purpose of lowering dues (Might we point out that we have done precisely that, but unfortunately the dues failed to respond accordingly.), and a cynical 1.8% thought it advisable to become "less emotional over the romantic attachment to 'our Richard!'" On the remaining percentage we refuse comment.

When asked what they found most enjoyable in the Society, 35.1% were most pleased at the opportunity to meet people of similar interests; 27.5% like the publications, particularly "The Ricardian." Those who did not dare to comment were 20.3%. An appreciation of a general atmosphere of fellowship in a common goal, was expressed by 18.5%; 14.08% like the exchange of ideas and new discoveries. And finally, 1.8% of our members find the medallion "groovy."
SECTION II

THE COMPLETE PEERAGE OF ENGLAND

as of

THE ACCESSION OF RICHARD III

(Their relationships to the King; their parts in his coronation procession and other notes.)

Duke of Buckingham, K.G. (Stafford)--first cousin once removed. 1-held the train
Duke of Suffolk, K.G. (de la Pole)--brother-in-law. 1-bore the scepter
Duke of Norfolk, K.G. (Howard)--son of aunt's sister-in-law. 1-bore the crown, 3-slain
Earl of Salisbury (Plantagenet)--son, a minor. 2, 1-distant, in Yorkshire
Earl of Warwick (Plantagenet)--nephew, a minor. 1
Earl of March and Pembroke, K.G. (Plantagenet)--nephew (formerly Edward V). 1-a minor
Earl of Lincoln (de la Pole)--nephew. 1-bore the orb -2
Earl of Surrey, K.G. (Howard)--grandson of aunt's sister-in-law. 1-bore the sword of state, 2-3 wounded, taken prisoner.
Earl of Arundel, K.G. (FitzAlan) 1
Earl of Northumberland, K.G. (Percy)--first cousin. 1-bore the sword of mercy -3
Earl of Westmoreland (Neville)--first cousin once removed. /-sick
Earl of Wiltshire (Herbert) 1-bore the Queen's crown
Earl of Kent, K.B. (Herbert) 1-bore the ecclesiastical sword of justice -4
Earl of Nottingham (Berkeley) 1-3
Earl of Huntington (Herbert)--future son-in-law) 1-bore the Queen's scepter
Earl of Shrewsbury (Talbot) /-minor
Earl of Exxex (Bourchier)--first cousin once removed. /-minor
Earl of Oxford (de Vere)--first cousin by marriage. /-in prison under attainder
Earl of Devon (Courtenay)--second cousin. /-distant, in Devon
Marquess of Dorset (Grey)--son of Elizabeth Woodville. /-fled the country
Viscount Lovell, K.G. --first cousin once removed by marriage. 1-bore the civil sword of justice -3
Viscount Lisle (Grey)--brother-in-law of Elizabeth Woodville. 1-bore the rod with dove
Viscount Beaumont /-unaccounted for
Lord Abergavenny (Neville)--first cousin. 1
Lord Maltravers, K.G. (FitzAlan) 1-2
Lord Grey of Codnor 1
Lord Grey of Wilton 1
Lord Grey of Powys 1
Lord Morley 1
Lord Scrope of Bolton, K.G. --first cousin once removed. 1-4
Lord Scrope of Masham 1-4
Lord Beauchamp 1
Lord Lumley 1-4
Lord Audley 1-
Lord Stourton 1
Lord FitzHugh--first cousin once removed. 1-4
Lord Zouch 1-3 - slain
Lord Dacre 1-4
Lord Ferrers of Chartley, K.G. (Devereux) 1-3 - slain
Lord Cobham 1
Lord Stanley, K.G. --first cousin by marriage. 1-bore the mace of constable -5
Lord Strange (Stanley)--first cousin once removed. 1-2-3 - hostage
Lord Welles--half-brother of Henry Tudor's mother. 1
Lord Greystoke—first cousin, /-in the Marches
Lord Mountjoy /-governor of Calais; at Calais
Lord Dudley, K.G. /-very old
Lord Hungerford /-minor (8)
Lord Ogle /-in the Marches
Lord de la Warre /-abroad
Lord Dynham /-deputy governor of Calais; at Calais
Lord Clifford—/-minor, in hiding in Yorkshire under attainder
Jasper Tudor, late Earl of Pembroke /-in Brittany under attainder -5-6
Henry Tudor, calling himself Earl of Richmond /-in Brittany under attainder -5-7

1- absent from King Richard's coronation
1- present at King Richard's coronation
2- eldest son raised to peerage during father's lifetime
3- at Bosworth for the King
4- marching to join the King at Bosworth
5- at Bosworth for Henry Tudor
6- Jasper Tudor lost the Earldom of Pembroke by attainder. It was granted by
   Edward IV to his brother Richard and subsequently merged in the Crown. It
   was never granted to Henry Tudor.
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Is England in your travel plans for this summer?

The Richard III Society has air reservations available for a group of 25 passengers from New York to London, round trip via BOAC. Leave August 2nd and return August 25th....

Round trip fare is $300.00.

This will be an opportunity to see many of England's historical highlights, meet English Ricardians and visit Bosworth Field for the memorial on August 22nd.

For further information write to Mrs. Betty Schloss, Bigelow Apts., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219 or any of your Richardian officers.
This is a report that "To Prove a Villain" copies More as More wrote it. Someone appears to be working with More but I found a facsimile copy of the 1557 edition, (published by William Rastell?) and after struggling through the early English, found it had a translation into contemporary English. In all cases, Hastings was referred to as Richard and Buckingham as Edward. Moreover Hastings was called a noble man. Since he is already Lord Hastings, he is automatically a noble-man and the separate words must mean something more, a description of his character. Or am I giving it a 20th century interpretation? Anyhow you can tell Mr. Handler that More was wrong and he is not seeing things or typographical errors.

The really shocking discovery, which I should have found out earlier, is that Kendall edited in such an unhistorical way. He has written a couple of excellent books, he knows how history should be treated, but to merely say he has corrected More's inaccuracies and filled in blanks, without indicating which ones, is really shocking. Well, live and learn.

-Maude D. French

Taylor Littleton and I were delighted to encounter David Handler's careful reading of TO PROVE A VILLAIN (Ric. Reg., III, (1968-69) and would assure him and all readers that we are aware of the discrepancies in proper names which we mentioned (and there are others as well). The errors are those of Thomas More who was not the most trustworthy of historians - a point best made when students discover his flaws for themselves. There are, of course, several variant texts of More's History. We followed the Rastell version, as did Richard S. Sylvester, the editor of the Yale edition of the Complete Works of St. Thomas More, II (New Haven, 1963, who noted that "the 1557 edition has acquired an almost canonical authority." (pp. xxix-xxxx) All Richard-ians will agree upon the names of Will Hastings and Harry Stafford; unfortunately Sir Thomas was no Ricardian.

-Henry C. More

HELP WANTED: NEW EDITOR

Due to the time consuming effort of trying to handle a full time job, a house, and a family, further complicated by illness; I find that I cannot continue to act as editor of the REGISTER. If there is anyone out there who would like to volunteer for this job, please write to me. You don't need to be a journalist, but you should have access to printing facilities - preferably ones we can use at cost or less.

- Robert Rea

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Too much time has gone by since the last REGISTER, and I offer my apologies to all of you. As noted in the help wanted column, I need someone to take over the position as editor of the newsletter. I have not yet received the shipment of pins from England, but hope for it soon. My apologies to those of you who have been patiently waiting.

I hope in the future to have some china - dishes, ashtrays etc., with the boar insignia.

I do have a limited supply of the January RICARDIAN (the English publication). I will be glad to send these out on a first-come basis to anyone who did not receive one.
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Many of you have asked this question, and I think that this reprint of the talk Donald G. Kilgore, Jr., M.D., Co-Chairman, gave at the last annual meeting will help to answer this question.

Bill Hogarth asked me to say a few words about an article on Richard which appeared in the magazine Diagnostica - a publication featuring medical and paramedical articles distributed to all doctors in the United States by the Ames Pharmaceutical Company. Each issue of Diagnostica contains a featured series called "Tales of Medical Detection". This series is restricted to novels or non-fictional narratives in which the solution depends upon a point in medical diagnosis. In the May-June 1968 issue this feature was called A Werish, Withered Arm and concerned the paradox of a renowned warrior having a withered arm. It discussed the possibility of Richard being deformed and included passages from Shakespeare and Sir Thomas More about the strawberry incident in the tower of London which culminated the execution of Lord Hastings. The author mentioned Dr. Joly's probable diagnosis of Richard's withered arm as an allergy to strawberries. Dr. Joly reasoned that if Richard knew that he was allergic to strawberries and could produce a serious rash on his arm that it might appear to be witchcraft to unsophisticated observers. However, the author pointed out the difficulties with this diagnosis, first from Richard's known ability as a warrior carrying a heavy shield on his left arm and a heavy weapon in his right. Second, the only surviving picture of Richard which showed no deformity, and finally the known record of Richard's coronation in which he was stripped to the waist - a ceremony that Richard certainly would have avoided if he were indeed hump-backed and had a withered arm. This article was written by David Unwin.

I was impressed by Mr. Unwin's fairness in appraising the situation which is an exception to the usual trash that you read about Richard. So I wrote him a brief letter concerning the history of our society, our objectives and some of the speculative possibilities on the disappearance of the two little princes. I found that David Unwin was pseudonym for Mr. David J. Severn who writes for Physician's Publications, Incorporated, a firm which provides an editorial assistance for many pharmaceutical firms which issue company publications. They have a rule that bylines of articles should be written under a pseudonym. Mr. Severn told me that he was a secret partisan of Richard and was very much interested in the Society. Because of his interest I invited him to our meeting, but apparently he was unable to make it.

Bill asked me to say a few words about writing letters to people when you see an article in print. As all of you realize, most of what you are going to see in print is going to be unfavorable; because for nearly 500 years we have had pretty much of a "one party" system setting down the story. However, I have found that most people are fair minded enough to realize that a definite doubt exists when you put them in possession of all the facts:

1) That Polydore Virgil was Henry's paid political historian.
2) That Sir Thomas More, despite his saintly title, was not too long out of diapers during the reign of Richard, and received most of the basis of his History from Richard's worst enemy.

The very absurdities in the accounts of both More and Virgil as well as their contradiction to one another make it easy to discredit their reliability. An important fact to emphasize is that Henry did not accuse Richard of the murder of the princes in his Bill of Attainder against Richard. I believe that it is very important to emphasize that our Society, while sympathetic to Richard, is only seeking to establish what actually did happen during this period of the Yorkist Era. Another point worth emphasizing are the rather numerous accomplishments of Richard (establishment of trial by jury, laws against intimidation of juries, the establishment of the bail system for prisoners, the abolishment of Kings benevolences, etc.)

One question that you will probably be asked is where can I find out more about this. Every Richardian should have in his library at least 2-3 references on this subject. To Prove A Villain is a most comprehensive one and includes the Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey. Costain's The Last Plantagenets is good, but perhaps the most comprehensive material of all is found in V. B. Lamb's The Betrayal of Richard III. Probably many of you have other suggestions, but these are the main points I try to bring up in talking or writing to people about Richard.
MORE HIDDEN BOOKS  
DOROTHY MARSDEN WRITES:

Like Mr. Snyder, who found materials while browsing in the Folger Library this last spring, while I was browsing in the same German article, Richard III in Shakespeare's Plays compared to Richard in History, 1976. I also found a curious book, a small one, A dialogue with Richard III and his adopted son Richard IV, 1744, no author, printed in London for John Warner. The book was in the Rare Book Department, rather the special Libraries Department, and I was allowed to examine it. However, I did not have the time to study it, despite its brevity, 30 pages. Perhaps someone in the Boston area might be able to examine it more closely.

It is a dialogue of a visit in Hell between Richard and his adopted son. For 250 years Richard III had been in Hell. I don't know who Richard IV was, nor where he had been, nor why the visit is occurring after 250 years, but there may be some value of Ricardian lore to be found in this little book. The BPL also had listed Richard IV, Plantegenet, by J. F. Hodgetts, London, 1888, but again, lack of time did not allow me to see this book. Does anyone else know of it?

I am sending along a program of a new play, The Vindication of Richard III by Moody Blanchard which I saw at Haywood last week. Since Mr. Blanchard is a member, perhaps he can give you more information about his own play.

BRYN MAWR CHAPTER MEETS

Our chapter is meeting again three days before that, on the 18th, a Tuesday, to see Olivier's Richard III at the University of Pennsylvania in Irvine Auditorium. After the film, we will have a discussion of the film at the home of the Whippman's. It will be our fourth meeting since the chapter was "founded"! Not bad, if I do say so myself!

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RICHARD III IN A NURSERY RHYME?

Huff the Talbot and our cat Tib
They took up sword and Shield
Tib for the red rose, Huff for the white,
To fight upon Bosworth Field.

Oh, it was dreary that night to bury
These doughty warriors dead;
Under a white rose brave dog Huff
And a fierce Tib under a red.

Low lay Huff and long may he lie;
But our Tib took little harm:

He was up and away at dawn of day
With the rose bush under his arm.

- The Complete Mother Goose

BOOK LOOK

Among new books touching Richard III is Godfrey Turton's Builders of England's Glory (to be published by Doubleday & Co. in June), chronicle of the house of Tudor which devotes considerable space to the Welsh adventurers before they stole a crown. Nothing new here, but perhaps Ricardian educational efforts do have some effect: Mr. Turton admits that "the portrait drawn of Richard III by Shakespeare, and by Tudor chroniclers before him, is a calumny inspired by political motives." He absolves Richard of murdering the young princes, suggests that Buckingham was the villain, and concludes that "King Henry was at the same disadvantage as King Richard. The fate of the boys was a mystery, he could not lay the ghost by indicating the grave." A follower of the White Rose might suggest another reason for Henry Tudor's trouble with graves and ghosts (and the 10,000 masses he ordered for the good of his soul) but this is going marvellously far for one whose theme is the Welsh conquest of England!

-by Robert R. Bea
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CORRECTION TO "PEERAGE" IN LAST REGISTER:

Note: "Absent from coronation" should be marked with a slash. The Earls of Salisbury, Warwick and March were absent.

Note: (6) Jasper Tudor, attainer. Add: "It was granted by Edward IV to his son Edward and retained by him after removal of his royal titles.

Note: (7) Add: "Edmund Tudor lost the Earldom of Richmond by attainder". "The last two sentences as they stand"

Note: (8) There is no note (6).

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BOOKS

(Before requesting books from the Librarian, please make every effort to locate the titles desired in your local public or university library.)

Non-fiction:

Richard III, Jacob Abbott (a Victorian horror)
The Fifteenth Century, The Prospect of Europe, Margaret Aston
The Anatomy of Villainy, Nigel Balchin
A Study of Changing Historiographical Trends as Illustrated in the Medieval English Chronicles of Croyland Abbey, Ira J. Black (thesis)
*Historie of the Life and Reigne of Richard III, Sir George Buck (1646)
The Last Plantagenets, Thomas B. Costain (popular history)
All Wrong on the Night, Maurice Dolbier (mishaps on the stage)
History's Richard III and Shakespeare's "Richard III"; Rosalie Ehrlich (draft of thesis)
The Later Plantagenets, V.H.H. Green (history)
Fifteenth Century England, Percival Hunt
*The Battle of Bosworth Field, William Hutton (1788)
The Great Debate, P. M. Kendall, editor (More's History of Richard III and Walpole's Historic Doubts, with notes)
The Betrayal of Richard III, V. B. Lamb (survey of the controversy)
The Wars of Roses, J. R. Lander (extracts from contemporary accounts)
The Golden Longing, Francis Leary (popular history)
To Prove a Villain, Taylor Littleton and Robert R. Rea (the case for and against Richard in literature)
John Argentine, Provost of King's; Dennis E. Rhodes
Bosworth Field, A. L. Rowse (opinionated popular history)

*Please send $2.00 with request to cover cost of packing and sending by registered mail. Must be returned by registered mail.

Fiction:

The Last of the Barons, Edward Bulwer-Lytton (turgid Victorian romance of Warwick the Kingmaker)
Under the Hog, Patrick Carleton (Richard III)
The Golden Yoke, Olive Eckerson (romance of Richard and Anne)
Richard, by Grace of God, Brenda Honeyman (Richard III)
The Swan and the Rose, Francis Leary (events of 1460-61)
Fire and Morning, Francis Leary (events of 1485)
The Borrowed Crown, Cecil Maiden (juvenile; Lambert Simnel)
Quest Crosstime, Andre Norton (science fiction)
The Goldsmith's Wife, Jean Plaidy (Jane Shore)
The Passionate Queen, Barnaby Ross (Margaret of Anjou)
Shadow of the Dragon, Marjorie A. Rowling (Yorkist loyalty after Bosworth)
The Black Arrow, Robert Lewis Stevenson
The Daughter of Time, Josephine Tey (detective story)
Loyalty Binds Me, Ruth Trevan (Richard III)
My Lord of Canterbury, Godfrey Turton (Thomas Cranmer)
The Last Plantagenet, Tyler Whittle (Richard III)
Shine Out, Fair Sun, Valerie Giles (typescript; juvenile; Francis Lovel)
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REPORT ON TRIP TO ENGLAND

This is a brief report on the very happy three weeks Janet, our son Dan, and I spent in England, May 28-June 18.

We were overnight guests of Olivia and Isolde Wigram at their beautiful cottage in Sussex, which included a "proper" picnic in a rhododendron wonderland, Sheffield Park Gardens. And we attended a party at their London home, where we had the pleasure of seeing Patrick Bacon again, and Judge and Mrs Lybarger, Joyce Melluish, Mireille Kerr-Ritchie, and Winifred Evans who played the part of Margaret of York in Olivia Wigram's play "Sun of York," when it was produced in London.

We also spent an interesting day with Phyllis and Sue Hester, where we met Valerie Giles just back from a vacation in Belgium.

Miss Kerr-Ritchie devoted a day to introducing us to Kensington Park and Palace and the London Museum where a diorama displays a London being constantly consumed by the Great Fire of 1666.

Our other Ricardian events included a visit to Warwick Castle, an outstanding example of medieval military construction, with its Clarence Tower, built by Richard III's brother George, Duke of Clarence, and the "Queen's Beasts" in London's Kew Gardens, a remarkable and impressive row of large statuary animals represented in the arms of England's ruling families, including the Falcon of Plantagenet and the "Yale" (a mythological creature) of Beaufort. We have slides of all of the above and are preparing to bore our friends at our next meeting of our Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Society.

I also photographed a plaque on the walls of All Hallow's Church, near the Tower of London, stating that Richard III founded a Collegiate Church there. I believe that Isolde Wigram has some doubts about the authenticity of this attribution.

Our trip also included an idyllic five days in Stratford and three days in Cambridge, where we canceled -- not punted -- on the Cam; and we racked up 2½ performances of Shakespeare's plays (we had to leave after the Act I performance of "All's Well That Ends Well" in the beautiful Clare College Gardens in Cambridge because it got too cold!) and Mozart's "The Magic Flute" by Sadlers-Wells in London.

We are indeed indebted to Olivia and Isolde Wigram, to Miss Kerr-Ritchie, and to Phyllis and Sue Hester for helping to make our visit to England so pleasant and rewarding.

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BOOKLETS: The Parish Church of St. Lawrence, Ludlow.
The Abbey Church, Tewkesbury
RICHARD III - AGAIN - disparaging article by Harriet van Horne, THE NEW YORK POST, August 26, 1968
- gifts of Helen Schweser

Library list of the Australian Branch
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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-EDITOR

This will be the last issue of the REGISTER until after the Annual meeting. I cannot urge you too strongly to attend, and I hope to meet you there. Hopefully, this will be the last issue of the REGISTER which I will be editing. I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking over the job. It seems that we are going to be able to buy our own mimeograph machine for printing. If you think you would be interested, please write to me.

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Extracts from Sir George Buck, *HISTORY OF RICHARD III*, 1647, by William Snyder

Extracts from Horace Walpole, *HISTORIC DOUBTS ON THE LIFE AND REIGN OF RICHARD III, 1768*


EXTRACTS FROM HARLEIAN Mss. 433: grants and warrants in the time of Richard III relating to the works within the castle of Windsor and the chapel, manors, and lordships pertaining thereto.

Letter of Richard III to his mother, Harl. 433 (spelling modernized); also photostatic copy of the original

Letter of Richard III to his chancellor, the Bishop of Lincoln, relating to Mistress Shore, Harleian Library, No. 2378 (spelling modernized)

Extract from a warrant of Richard III, Harl. 433 (spelling modernized)

Richard III's offer to Elizabeth Woodville, Harl. 433 (spelling modernized)

Extract of CHRONIQUES DE JEAN MOLINET regarding the death of the Princes and the coronation of King Richard; the death of Richard and the coronation of Henry VII (Tutor Propaganda line - in French)

Photostat of letter to Sir William Stonor showing Richard's signature as Duke Epilogue to ORDER OF CHIVALRY by William Caxton, dedicated to Richard III Copy of Grant by Richard III to the Mitton family, Harl 433, and notes

Extracts from YORK RECORDS pertaining to Richard as Duke and King, and after Bosworth, also the arrest of Bishop Stillington and Sir Richard Ratcliff

Extracts from HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WARS OF ENGLAND, London, 1641 (More More) "Titulus Gejius" ROTULI PARLIAMENTORUM, Vol. VI, as per Halstead

Letter of Richard III to the Bishop of Lincoln requesting the Great Seal, 12 October 1483, photostat

"The Rous Roll: the English Version" by C. E. Wright, British Museum Quarterly, Vol XX, No. 4, 1966

Excerpt from Heywood's APOLOGY FOR ACTORS, 1612, regarding Edward IV's patronage of dramatics (Letter from Julie Henderson)

"A Husband for Elizabeth of York?" by V. B. Lamb; analysis of an entry in Harl. 433, letter from Richard III to the Earl of Desmond.

Political ballad relating lineage of the Duke of York Dedication to Richard III of Pietro Carmellano's poem "The Life of Catherine of Egypt"

Complete peerage of England as of July, 1483

Coronation address of King Richard III as reconstructed by Patrick Carleton

Coronation address of King Edward IV as reported by Philip Lindsay

A Prayer of Richard III, from his Book of Hours

THE LITTLE PRINCES AND THE BONES:

"Who Killed the Little Princes?" summary of a lecture given by Prof. S. T. Bindoff in report from the Folger Library, 22 April, 1961, and related articles; his candidate for murderer is John Howard, Duke of Norfolk.

Summary of Dr. Lynn-Pirkis' discussion of the anatomical evidence of the bones supposed to be the sons of Edward IV, as given by Professor Wright in July 1933, ARCHAEOLOGIA, LXIV

Full text of Dr. Lynn-Pirkis' talk on the bones given to the Society Two articles by Olivia Wigram (one brief, one longer) giving an explanation of the mystery of the Princes in the Tower and the bones.

"Who Murdered the Little Princes?" term paper by Edward Klein

Horrifying article in THIS WEEK, March, 1905, by Richard Harrity.

"Did the Duke of Buckingham Murder the Two Princes?" by R.J.A. Bunnett

"Did the Princes Leave the Tower?" paper by R.J.A. Bunnett
NEW EDITOR:

I would like to briefly introduce myself to all members of the Richard III Society. My name is Linda Ragazzini; I am currently studying sociology on a graduate level at New York University. Possibly my studies might lead to some interesting findings on 15th century English society and customs. With this issue, I am taking over from Mrs. Jean Airey as editor of the Ricardian Register. We all thank Mrs. Airey for her hard work in putting out such fine Registers every two months. I hope I shall be as good an editor as she has been.

To any of you who have comments, creative ideas, interesting interpretations of Ricardian history, reports on trips and meetings, research notes--please send all such materials to me so that they can be shared with other members.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ricardianly,
Linda B. Ragazzini

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:

I was very sorry to have missed the Annual Meeting, but hope to see you all next year. This issue introduces our new Editor. Those of you who have news or changes of address can write to Linda or me; we will be in fairly constant communication.

Jean Airey
Secretary-Treasurer

DUES ARE DUE!:

It is time for the payment of dues--which is the purpose of the envelope attached to this issue. If you joined before June of this year, YOUR DUES ARE DUE! If you're not sure when you joined, check your membership card. Dues rates are:

- REGULAR MEMBERS: $4.00
- STUDENT MEMBERS: $2.00
- FAMILY MEMBERS: $7.00
If you're not sure if you've paid or not, write to me, and I'll be glad to tell you; or, send a check and I'll credit you with the proper year.

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THE WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER GOES TO THE ANNUAL MEETING
by William H. Snyder

John Barleycorn's red nose gleamed in the New York sun, but he wasn't talking. He couldn't. He was merely an adornment on the pub where the American Branch of the Richard III Society was having its annual meeting on Saturday, October 1.

Six of us, fully one third of the Washington, D.C. Chapter had gotten up in the pre-dawn darkness to take the Penn-Central Metro (the new 120-mile-an-hour train to New York) to attend the meeting.

Upstairs in the John Barleycorn about 50 members were happily chatting in surroundings which (in the muted light) provided a medieval ambience—except for some disruptive but pleasant mini-skirts. Martha Hogarth had thoughtfully provided name tags, interwoven with tiny white roses. Glasses of syllabub were passed around, enhancing the medieval flavor, as Chairman Bill Hogarth called the meeting to order.

He announced that, because of a complaint from a member about the poor quality of our sound tapes at last year's meeting, he had asked the complainant to provide the music for this year's meeting and introduced Dr. Madelein Pelner Cosman.

Dr. Cosman, with her two pages—her very young daughter and son—all in medieval costume—presented a delightful-hour-long lecture-recital of medieval and renaissance music, to the accompaniment of her lute. These twelfth- through sixteenth-century songs (some sung in their original languages) are rarely performed, and held the assembled Fellowship of the White Boar spellbound. Dr. Cosman, a medievalist, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English, City College of the City University of New York. Her articles of scholarly interest (on medieval literary and medical-historical subjects) have appeared in professional journals.

We then descended to more mundane things, such as polishing off a delicious dinner. Following the dinner, we were treated to a color-sound film from the Bibliothèque Nationale on illustrations from a fifteenth-century Book of Hours.

Libby Haynes, our Librarian, gave an impromptu but informative answer to a query about the differing uses of a coat-of-arms and a cognizance.

So ended the meeting—short on business but long on entertainment and enjoyment. Upon reflection, not the least benefit of our Society is the opportunity to meet so many interested and interesting members and to make so many worthwhile friends—here in our nation's capitol, in New York City, and in London. Loyalty be Lie applies today as it did in 1452-1485.
THE BOSWORTH MEMORIAL

Since no other members applied for the tour this year (Mrs. Aganita Kuo and I were the only Americans present this year), I was understandably nervous at finding myself entirely alone in England. But Miss Schloss notified the English Ricardians, and when I arrived at my hotel, I found a bouquet of white roses and a note of greeting from Miss Mireille Karr-Ritchie, who, during the next couple of weeks, was wonderfully kind in showing me the obscure places where London has remained unchanged for centuries. I owe to her the happy success of this first trip to England.

Saturday, August 23, I was able to meet some 50 members of the English Branch; Miss Valerie Giles, in charge of the party, was much harried, trying to make sure that everyone was back on the bus after each stop. I spoke briefly with Mr. Bacon, and with Mrs. Lamb, the author of The Betrayal of Richard III.

Our day was overcast, but dry. The bus took us through narrow country lanes, with signposts out of Plantagenet history. Just after noon we arrived at Sutton Cheney and shivered through the windy churchyard into the Norman church, where Rev. Boston greeted us warmly. He offered an excellent memorial service, unexpectedly touching as he reminded us that the door we'd entered was the one King Richard had walked out of to his death. He spoke warmly of the king as a kind, responsible, and Christian man and recited King Richard's prayer. It was difficult suddenly to keep back tears as the choir sang and a wreath was placed over the memorial plaque.

Besides the Society members, the service was attended by local people, who showed real interest. A local artist had made an illuminated map of the district showing villages and battlefield. Another man remarked that, when he was in the police, he used to wonder if he guarded a royal grave. It's a shock to find a place where Richard III is spoken of in such unquestioningly affectionate terms.

We then travelled the obscure road which puts you rather literally on Bosworth Field. A long, steep lane ends with a gate admitting you to a farmyard. We crossed the yard and a pasture beyond, and while a couple of men of the party raised the bottom strand of barbed wire fence, the rest of us rolled under.

Beyond the fence is a small stone monument containing a green-scummed well, surrounded by an iron fence, and a tangle of white roses gone wild. The rest of the field lies peacefully clothed in deep golden wheat, but this corner where a king fell is a stretch of untamed roses, nettles, and high grasses. I wondered if, in the late summer silence, I might hear imaginary hooves of galloping steeds, the clash of weapons and shouts—and above all the outraged cry of "Treason! Treason!"

Another hour's ride brought us to Maxstoke Castle, where tradition says Richard slept the night before reaching Bosworth. This charming little castle has belonged to the Dilke family since 1521 and has been occupied continuously. The castle is in nearly its original condition and contains the chair, now much changed by Victorian refurbishing, used for Henry VII's coronation on Bosworth Field. But its chief interest lies in the fact that it is not a museum but has been continuously in use as a home and possesses the warmth that occupation bestows. Although it has been much changed since the day Richard III rode away, it is not impossible to imagine him passing through the dining chamber, which still has much of its original look, or to see, when you glance out the window that used to light the staircase from the Great Hall, something of the view that Richard saw over the water-filled moat and green trees beyond.
It was a graceful conclusion to a very full day, and I thought it exceedingly kind of Commander Dilke to allow us to invade his home for so satisfying a climax to our journey.

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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

Books: The Golden Longing, by Francis Leary (biography)  
The Lord Jasper, by Betty King (novel about Jasper Tudor)  
John of Gloucester, by Wenti Miall (novel about Richard III's son)  
Memorial to the Duchess, by Jocelyn Kettle (novel about Alice Chaucer, Duchess of Suffolk)  
Richard, by Grace of God, by Brenda Honeyman (novel about Richard III)  
(all above are gifts of Andre Norton)  
The Reign of Edward IV, by Eric N. Simons (biography) -- gift of Malvina Pyles  
Pamphlet: "Choir Stalls and Misericords, Christ-church Priory, Hampshire,"  
gift of Edith Newman  
Photograph of the arms of Richard III displayed in Windsor Castle -- gift of David Handler

ARE THERE ANY SKELETONS IN YOUR FAMILY CLOSET???

Mr. David Bothell, a fellow Ricardian, is a palaeographer and genealogist who would like to offer his services to American members of the Richard III Society in order to supplement his research grant. If you are interested in having some genealogical research rendered to you, write to Mr. Bethell at the following address:  
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S.O.S. FROM THE EDITOR:  

Does anyone have the recipe for syllabub, such as is served at the John Barleycorn at our Annual Meetings? I would like to be able to serve syllabub at festive occasions during the coming holiday seasons. I am sure that other members would also like to have this recipe.

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MEDIEVAL MUSIC:

In her concert at the General Meeting, Dr. Cosman sang several songs of the 15th and 16th century. The lyrics to two of these songs are printed below:

Tobias Hume
Tobacco, Tobacco
Sing sweetly for Tobacco.
Tobacco is like love,
O love it,
For you see I will prove it.

Love maketh lene the fatte meh tumor;
So doth Tobacco.
Love still dries up the wanton humor;
So doth Tobacco.
Love makes men sail from shore to shore.
Down in yonder green field.
Tis fond love often makes men poore.
Love makes men scorn all coward feares...
Love often sets men by the ears...

Tobacco, Tobacco
Sing sweetly for Tobacco.
Tobacco is like love,
O love it,
For you see I have proved it.

Three Ravens
There were three ravens sat on a tree
(Down a down, hay down, hay down)
They were as black as they might be
(With a down)
Then one of them said to his make
O wher shal we our breakfast take
(With a down, derry, derry, derry, down, down).

Love makes men sail from shore to shore.
His hounds they lie down at his feet
So well they can their master keep.

She lift up his bloody head...
And kissed his wounds that were so red...

She got him up upon her back
And carried him to earthen lake...

She buried him before the prime...
She was dead herself ere evensong time...

God send every gentlemen
Such hawks, such hounds, and such a lerman.
PART II

The following doggerel, in the form of a secular asking and a friar answering at the grave of Dame Joanna of Acres, second daughter of King Edward I, consort of Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester, delineates the claim to the throne of Richard, Duke of York, through the Honour of Clare, and was clearly written for political purposes during his lifetime. Elizabeth, first mentioned, was daughter of Joanna's daughter, Elizabeth de Burgh.

"Had she any issue?" "Yea, sir, sikerly."
"What?" "A daughter." "What name had she?"
"Like her mother, Elizabeth, sothely."
"Who ever the husband of her might be?"
"King Edward's son, the Third was he, Sir Lionel, which buried is, her by, As for such a prince too simply."

"Left he any frute, this prince mighty?"
"Yea, sir, a daughter, and Phillippa she hight; Whom Sir Edmond Mortimer wedded truly; First Earl of the March, a manly knight, Whose son, Sir Roger, by title of right Left heir another, Edmond again; Edmond left none, but died barren.

"Right thus did cese of the March's blode The herire male." "Whither passed the right Of the Marches landes, and to whom it stode, I woulde faine lerne, if that I might?"
"Sir Roger, middel Erle, that noble knight, Tweyn daughters left of his blode-ralial; That one's issue died, that other's hath al."

"What hight that lady who's issue had grace His lordship's attaine?" "Dame Anne, I wys, To the Erle of Cambridge and she wife, was Which both be dede, God graunte hem blys. But her son Richard, which yet liveth, is Duke of Yorke, by descent of his fader, And hath Marches landes by right of his moder."

"Is he sole or married, this prince mighty?" "Sole, God forbade; it were great pitee."
"Whom hath he wedded?" "A gracious lady."
"What is her name, I thee praiue tell me?"
"Dame Cecile, sir." "Whose daughter was she?"
"Of the ERLs of Westmoreland, I trowe the yongest And yet grace-hir fortuned to be the highest."

"Is there any frute betwixt hem two?" "Yea, sir, thanked be God, ful glorious."
"Male or female?" "Sir, bothe two."
"The number of this progeny gracious, And the names, to know I am disirous: The order eke of birth, telle if thou can; And I will ever be, even thyn own man."
"Sir, after the tyme of lang bareyness, 
God first sent Anne, which signyfieth grace; 
In token that all her hertis heavynesse 
He (as for bareyness) wold fro hem chase. 
Harry, Edward, and Edmonde, eche in his place 
Succeeded; and after tweyn daughters came, 
Elizabeth and Margarete; and afterwards William. 

"John after William next borne was, 
Which both be passed to God's grace. 
George was nexto; and after Thomas 
Borne was, which sone after did pace 
By the path of death to the heavenly place; 
Richard liveth yet. But the last of alle 
Was Ursula; to hym would God list call.

"To the Duke of Excestre, Anna Married is 
In her tender youthe. But my Lord Harry 
God chosen hath, to inherite heaven's bliss; 
And lefte Edward to succede temporally; 
Now erle of Marche; and Edmonde of Rutland sothely 
Conute both fortunabile to right high marriage. 
The other foure stand yet in their pupillage. (Conute: Knit, or knotted, Saxon.)

"Longe mote he liven to God his plesaunce, 
This high and mighty prince in prosperitie; 
With virtue and victory, God him advaunce 
Of all his enemyes; and graunte that hee 
And the noble princess his wife may see 
Her children children, or thei hens wende 
And after this outclary, the joye that never shall ende."

WE ARE INCORPORATED!

If you look at the heading of this issue of the Register, you will see that the Richard III Society is now officially incorporated. Because we are a non-profit, educational organization, all dues are tax-deductible. Also, the Register can be mailed at bulk rates rather than the regular rate of 6c, thereby saving the Society a considerable amount of money.

JOIN IN ON A JOUST

The Centennial Celebration Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art has invited the Richard III Society, Inc., to participate in some of its festivities. The theme of the Museum's exhibition is The Year 1200. The "happening", which will be held in New York's Central Park on Saturday, May 9, 1970, will feature: a joust, tilting at the quintain, the Court of Love, a miracle play, fire-eaters, sword-swallowers (any volunteers?), and stalls where ox, boar, mead, and syllabub will be served. There will also be a booth with favors for youngsters. Costumed spectators are needed to fill the bleachers. The costumes, which must be hand-made, should be based on fashions of the late 12th or early 13th century. If you would like to join in on the fun, please write me. You will then be assigned a role and given instructions about the costumes. If you sign up, please be sure you can follow through with your commitment--because the Metropolitan will expect us to "deliver" the number of people that we promise to send.

THE ATTACHED CARTOON is reproduced from a cartoon originally appearing in Punch, the English humor magazine.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank Judge Lybarger of Cleveland for his gift of his original oil portrait copy of the painting of Richard III that hangs in the National Portrait Gallery.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

My mailbox has been well supplied with checks for the payment of dues, but some people have not yet paid. This is the last issue of the Register before the listing of 3976 members and your dues must be paid in order to be included in this listing. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to write me.

Apparently, there has been some confusion due to the letter from the Yorkshire Branch (See below). Actually, this branch is equivalent to our "chapters", and until recently was supported by the English Branch. It is now required to be self-supporting, and this occasioned the letter most of you received from them. I hope that those of you who were interested in helping did subscribe to their newsletter. But, this does not mean that your dues for membership in this branch are "paid up"! The American Branch has always been self-supporting, and we send $2/ family membership, $1.50/ regular member, and $1/ student member to England for support of activities there. If you have any questions concerning this, please feel free to write me.

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FROM THE YORKSHIRE BRANCH

Subsidies have been cut off from all English branches (or chapters) of the Richard III Society. In order to become self-supporting, the Yorkshire Committee has decided to open a subscribers' mailing list to any American members who are interested in hearing about Yorkshire events and activities. An annual donation of 10 s. ($1.20) per year entitles members on the mailing list to three copies of "Le Blanc Sanglier" plus an annual report of research carried out within the Yorkshire Branch. If you are interested in being put on their mailing list, send your donation to:

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SYLLABUB

I would like to thank all Ricardians who sent me recipes for syllabub. They ranged from Mr. Witlieb's 4-ingredient recipe to one that requires 3 days to prepare. Reproduced below are 3 of the many recipes I received.

1. Beat together in a bar glass: 1 tablespoon sugar syrup, 1 jigger top milk, 1 large jigger heavy cream, and ⅛ cup sherry, port, Madeira, or bourbon whiskey. Serve at once in punch glasses. Serves 4. (Submitted by Bernie Witlieb.)

2. Put into a bowl: 1 cup white wine, 1 cup heavy cream, 1½ cups milk, ¼ cup brandy, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, ½ cup sugar, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, and ½ teaspoon rosemary leaves (crushed). Beat with whisk for 5 minutes until frothy. (More modern Ricardians may use a blender.) Chill well. Serves 4. (Submitted by Bill Hogarth.)

3. Combine: ½ cup sugar, 4/5 quart dry white wine, 3 tablespoons finely grated lemon peel, 1/3 cup lemon juice. Stir until sugar is completely dissolved; chill well. In punch bowl, blend 3 cups cold milk and 2 cups light
cream. Pour in the wine mixture and beat with a rotary beater or wire
whip until frothy. Beat 4 egg whites until firm; gradually add \( \frac{1}{2} \) cup
sugar, beating until stiff and glossy. Put spoonful puffs of this
meringue on top of the punch. Sprinkle lightly with nutmeg. Makes
about 18 \( \frac{1}{2} \) -cup servings. (Submitted by Mrs. Irene Joshi.)

Try any or all of these recipes over the holidays—it will be a
real Ricardian treat.

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The following is an excerpt from the Yorkshire Branch's magazine, "Le Blanc Sanglier." The article is entitled "The Princes in the Tower" and was written by I. Wigram.

When King Edward IV died on April 9, 1483, he left behind him a highly explosive situation. With characteristic shrewdness he had created a sort of third party in the State, of whose loyalty he could be assured. The nucleus of this party was the very numerous family of his commoner Queen, Elizabeth Woodville. These relations of the Queen, since they had been raised to the highest honors by Edward and were detested by nobles and Commons alike, therefore stood or fell with Edward, and unless they took instant measures to consolidate their power on his death, they had no illusions as to what would happen to them. On this point of the unpopularity of the Woodvilles with all classes, I would like to quote Dr. James Gairdner, one of the most distinguished upholders of the "Traditional Front" against Richard III. He cites a document in the Public Record Office containing a recantation before a very full council summoned by the King at Westminster, of certain calumnies which one John Edward had propagated at Calais against the Earl Rivers and the Marquis of Dorset (the brother of the Queen and the elder son by her first marriage). Dr. Gairdner says, "What those calumnies were, and what semblance of probability they had, we do not know; but the remarkable point is that in disowning them John Edward pleads in his excuse, that he only uttered them for fear of his life, apprehending that he would be put to the torture in the town of Calais. Thus unless we conceive the fact to have been just the contrary—that is to say that the calumnies were true and were only disowned through fear—we must suppose that the Woodvilles were so exceedingly unpopular that calumnies against them were welcome intelligence even to the authorities of Calais at a time when Edward IV was still king."

Edward's policy then, while it served him well during his life, was to serve his son very ill after his death. This unpopularity of the Woodvilles with all classes is a very important factor in what is so often known as the "usurpation" of Richard III. A contributory factor to this unpopularity was the suspicion that the Queen and her relations had prevailed on the King to proceed to the execution of his brother, the Duke of Clarence, in 1478, five years before Edward's own death. Clarence, although he has not come down to history as a very estimable character, was good-looking and popular in his lifetime. King Edward was also good-looking and popular, and when a king was popular some excuse might be found even for the crime of fratricide, though in any case, Clarence's activities had been treasonable for some time, and Edward had repeatedly forgiven him. It was, however, convenient to blame the Queen and her relations for having forced this extreme measure on the King, some color being lent to the accusation from the fact that the Queen's relations profited through Clarence's death, notably her brother, Lord Rivers. In this connection it is not irrelevant to refer to a footnote in Miss Caroline Halstead's admirable though often neglected biography of Richard III. She says: "The grant which conveyed to Lord Rivers the rich possessions which probably provoked the fate of the unfortunate prince (Clarence) is preserved in the Foedera, vol. xii, p. 95"; and Laing in his comments upon it says, "The hypocritical language of this donation is curious, and seems to fasten the murder indisputably on Rivers. The grant insinuates that Clarence at his death made a nuncupative will in Rivers' favor; a proof that his conduct required exculpation."

It might be interesting to note here that Clarence's young son was imprisoned in the Tower after his father's death, and who was it who
released him and restored him to his rightful position but his "wicked" uncle, the Duke of Gloucester?

Turning now to another source, the Italian monk Domenico Mancini, whose contemporary account of the events following the death of Edward IV was only discovered as recently as 1333, we notice three statements about Clarence's death, which are rather significant in the light of subsequent events:

1. The Woodvilles "were certainly detested by the nobles because they, who were ignoble and newly made men, were advanced beyond those who excelled them in breeding and wisdom. They had to endure the imputation brought against them by all of causing the death of the Duke of Clarence."

2. That the Queen "concluded that her offspring by the King would never come to the throne unless the Duke of Clarence were removed." This was because Clarence openly denounced Edward's marriage to a commoner and a widow as being against all established custom. Mancini used the words "bitter and public denunciation of Elizabeth's obscure family."

3. Mancini's third statement refers to Richard's reactions to his brother Clarence's death, and says, "Richard Duke of Gloucester was so overcome with grief for his brother that he could not dissimulate so well but he was overheard to say that he would one day avenge his brother's death."

I have dwelt perhaps unduly long on this matter of Clarence's death, but it does have considerable bearing on subsequent events as you will see. But there is one further fact which must be mentioned. At about the time that Clarence was executed--certainly within three weeks of it--Robert Stillington, Bishop of Bath and Wells, was imprisoned in the Tower. Four months later, after having paid a heavy fine, he received a royal pardon, in which his offence was stated to have been uttering "words prejudicial to the King and his state." That is certainly not the last we are to hear of the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Now to return at last to the Princes and their uncle Richard. Edward IV in his will appointed his brother Richard Duke of Gloucester Regent or Protector of his realm and children. Richard had always been unshakeably loyal to Edward and there was a strong bond of affection between them. The actual will has been destroyed but historians are all agreed that Richard's Protectorship must have been laid down in the provisions. It is important to note here that, although the Tudor chroniclers accuse Richard by vague assertions of "common fate" of complicity in the death of Henry VI's son at the battle of Tewkesbury and of the death of Henry VI himself, most historians are now very doubtful of Richard having been implicated in either of these happenings--especially as Henry VI's son was certainly killed during the battle. Mrs. Lamb in her Betrayal of Richard III, referring to Dr. Gairdner's portrayal of Richard's character, says that "he draws the portrait of a man of honor, integrity and wisdom, against whom there was no breath of scandal for the first thirty years of his life."

This then, is the picture at the death of Edward IV. His elder son, the Prince of Wales, aged 12½, was living at Ludlow under the guardianship of his maternal uncle, Lord Rivers. Richard Duke of Gloucester, the appointed Protector, was making his headquarters at his beloved castle of Middleham in Wensledale, his time fully occupied in keeping peace on the Scottish border. The Queen, with most of the rest of her relations was in London, solely concerned, probably out of fear for their lives, in keeping the power
which they had held for so long. And finally, there was a peerage and common detesting the Woodville clan and looking to the popular Duke of Gloucester to put the arrogant upstarts in their proper place.

The first necessity, from the Woodvilles' point of view was to get the young King crowned before Richard could arrive, and at the first Council meeting after Edward IV's death, it was suggested that the King should be sent for to come up to London with a strong force with him. Against this it was urged (according to Sir Thomas More, who states that the objections were Richard's) that if the Queen's party assembled a large force to accompany the King, the Nobles would look upon it rather as an act of aggression against themselves than a safeguard to the King, who had no need of such protection; and this in turn might lead to civil war. Lord Hastings, the Lord Chamberlain, was foremost in the anti-Woodville bloc, being one of the most intimate friends of the late King and consequently both friend and supporter of the Duke of Gloucester. Finally, giving way to his threats, the Queen agreed to limit the force to 2,000 men. Nevertheless, Hastings is said to have warned Richard to come south with a sufficiently strong force himself; advice which Richard did not take. In the meantime, Lord Dorset, as Governor of the Tower, had sent his uncle, the Queen's brother, Sir Edward Woodville, to sea with a small fleet, ostensibly and indeed possibly as a measure of protection against the French, for Edward IV had died on the eve of war with France. Dorset had also considerably provided his uncle with a third share of Edward's vast treasure stored in the Tower, dividing the rest between his mother and himself (according to More and Mancini), and over all this, Dorset and Rivers were issuing orders, as from the "uterine brother" and "uterine uncle" of the King, with no mention of the Protector whatever.

According to the Crayland Chronicler, Richard himself attended a requiem mass to his brother at York and administered an oath of fealty to the new King to all the nobility and gentry of the neighborhood, himself setting the example. He then proceeded towards Northampton, the agreed meeting place with the King, attended by a mourning train of 600 gentlemen only. At Northampton, he was met by Lord Rivers, who told him that the young King had thoughtfully vacated the town, since it was not large enough to accommodate both their trains, and had gone on to Stony Stratford, 14 miles nearer London. At Northampton too, Rivers and Richard were joined by Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, who occupies a place of the utmost importance in relation to this subject, but whose motives will probably remain for all time inscrutable. He had been married, whilst still a minor, and therefore without being able to make a valid protest, to the Queen's sister, Katherine Woodville, and for this reason he had an especial hatred of the Woodvilles, for he was himself of the blood royal and to say that he considered the Woodville blood inferior to his own, would no doubt be putting it very mildly. He was also of a Lancastrian family—or at least a family with Lancastrian leanings—and may always have remained a Lancastrian at heart. How deep or far-seeing his plotting may have been is impossible to determine, but it has been suggested—though I am unable to find the reference—that he deliberately led Richard on into "evil courses" hoping they would lead to Richard's destruction and his own aggrandisement. At any rate, he is stated by More to have promised Richard his support immediately on Edward IV's death, and this is very probable. However, he arrived at Northampton—presumably from his estates in Wales—with only 300 men. This gave Richard and Buckingham a combined force of 900 against Rivers' 2,000.

TO BE CONTINUED....