

ety have appeared in the Washington Post, the South China Mail in Hong Kong, and several other newspapers. He also pointed out that a reporter from the Bergen Record was present. In addition to the printed medium, Richard's cause had also been promoted on radio and on the stage.

Mr. Hogarth reported that the grants application committee for the Scholarship Fund had been formed. Among the academics included on the Committee are Morris McGee (Chairman) from Montclair State, Richard Griffith of C. W. Post, Milton Stern from University of California, and Charles Wood from Dartmouth College. The committee will work autonomously and independently from the officers.

Mr. Hogarth welcomed Dr. Pamela Tudor-Craig, Dean Mitchell of Wells Cathedral, and Mrs. Mitchell.

Linda McLatchie then reported as Secretary-Treasurer. She reported that the cash on hand as of September 30, 1978 was \$6,112. The Scholarship Fund stood at \$2,088; there were 38 donors with an average contribution of almost \$31. She thanked the English Branch for the generous corporate contribution of \$250, which was not yet reflected in the above total. The Memorial Statue Fund Appeal had raised a total of \$890, with 81 persons donating an average of almost \$11 each. As checks clear the bank, the monies will be forwarded to the English Society.

Our Publications Officer Susan Drozdowski reported that she had sent out 370 articles. She noted that the National Portrait Gallery Richard III exhibition booklets had arrived, but she recommended that members order early as supplies are very limited.

Bill Snyder reported for Jan Snyder, the Needlepoint Coordinator. He noted that 47 kneelers for Sutton Cheney had been completed, with 5 in progress. The American Branch's pledge to create 50 kneelers for Sutton Cheney Church is now nearing completion. Members applauded this significant achievement by the American ladies.

Lillian Barker, Regional Vice Chairman for the Washington, D.C. area, reported on the chapter's successful June meeting at the ESU, where 36 members were treated to a slide presentation.

Bill Snyder noted that Eliza and Lucia Kelly had offered valuable comments and guidance from professional book publishing sources on his condensation of Halsted and summary of other sources. They recommended that he include a general introduction for the general reader so the book will have wider appeal. The general introduction will briefly cover the political and social condition

of England at Richard's birth. Also, he will add a translation into modern English usage of the three basic acts of Parliament, the "Titulus Regius," Henry's act ordering the destruction of the "Titulus Regius" and Henry's act attainting Richard and his followers. Mr. Snyder hopes that the book, once published, will be a continuing source of revenue for the Society.

Bill Snyder then read a cable from the English Branch to himself and Bill Hogarth:

"Committee wishes to recommend our AGM elect you and Hogarth Society Vice Presidents. Please cable acceptance to Phyllis Hester."

— Patrick Bacon

The reply:

"We accept with pleasure and loyalty. Greetings from American members."

— Snyder & Hogarth

Our outgoing Librarian, Libby Haynes, presented her last Librarian's report. The Library, which started as a single carton of materials, is now composed of several hundred volumes plus a file cabinet of papers. Julie Lord will be assuming the many duties of Librarian.

Lillian Barker, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that 104 proxy ballots had been collected. She presented the slate of candidates for office for 1978-1979:

William H. Snyder — Chairman
 William Hogarth — Vice-Chairman
 Linda B. McLatchie — Secretary-Treasurer

She asked for further nominations; when none was offered, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. On a hand vote, the slate was elected.

Bill Hogarth, our Program Chairman, introduced A. Frederick Haas, author of the play "Richard of Gloucester." Mr. Haas became intrigued by the friendship between Richard and Buckingham after reading Kendall's biography. The friendship, which was very warm, soured months after Richard's coronation. Mr. Haas sought to explore this friendship in his play, which presents Buckingham as the murderer of the Princes.

Mr. Haas then introduced the Arena Players Repertory company in "Richard of Gloucester," produced and directed by Frederic de Feis (who also played the title role). The actors gave a stirring performance of the play, which traced the Richard-Buckingham friendship from the death of Edward IV to Buckingham's execution.

Before closing the meeting, Mr. Snyder called on Dr. Pamela Tudor-Craig and Dean Mitchell for remarks. Dr. Tudor-Craig offered to be the guest speaker at our AGM in 1979, and Dean Mitchell invited Ricardians to see Bishop Stillington's chapel at Wells.

Members voted unanimously to hold the 1979 AGM in the Explorers Club again.

Following the close of the meeting, guests were treated to an ice cream cake in the shape of the Tower of London, generously provided by Susan Depping.

Thus ended the 1978 AGM — and, with Dr. Tudor-Craig as our featured speaker for 1979, we all look forward to next year's AGM.

Respectfully submitted,
 LINDA B. McLATCHIE
 Secretary-Treasurer



TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

CASH ON HAND as of September 30, 1977	\$ 4,186.49
INCOME	
Dues	\$ 7,666.00
Donations	808.00
Items for Resale	1,795.55
Interest	288.08
AGM Surplus	320.00
	<u>\$10,877.63</u>
	\$15,175.12

EXPENSES	
Payments to England	\$3,930.00
Register, Corresponding Sec'y	2,912.27
In Memoria	388.36
Items for Resale (purchase)	1,102.16
Postage (excluding Register)	266.42
Office Supplies	50.67
Printing (excluding Register)	48.00
Publications Officer	254.40
	<u>\$ 8,952.28</u>

CASH ON HAND as of September 30, 1978 \$ 6,111.84

LINDA B. McLATCHIE

FUND-RAISING REPORT

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Contributions (including \$1,000 seed money from anonymous donor)	\$2,072.00
Interest	16.02
	<u>\$2,088.02</u>

MEMORIAL STATUE FUND	
Number of donations: 38	
Average donation (not taking into account the \$1,000 seed money): approximately \$31	
English Society has donated \$250.00 to the Scholarship Fund, which is not reflected in the above total.	

MEMORIAL STATUE FUND	
Contributions	\$ 888.00
Interest	1.95
	<u>\$ 889.95</u>

Number of donations: 81
 Average donation: approximately \$11

LINDA B. McLATCHIE



NEEDLEPOINT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

With 45 needlepoint covers for the kneeling hassocks of Sutton Cheney Church already sent to England and 7 more in progress, the American ladies have almost completed their agreement to make 50 covers. So today I am not going to ask for volunteers to do needlepoint!

Those of you who are sharp at arithmetic may ask "Why 52 covers when you agreed to make 50?" In the 8 years we have been working, one cover has been lost in the mail and another torn in a move. It is a comfortable feeling to have a margin of two in case other disasters occur. And I believe the church will be happy to use as many as we send. But we will gratefully decline any further offers.

One of the gems of this eighth year of the Kneeler Project is Maryloo Schallek's rendition in