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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.

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Mrs John Daugherty
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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 of facts 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 secretariat 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 uniformed 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 Pittsburg, 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, 1.50 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.