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MEMBER WRITES ARTICLE

Dr. Louis Pelner has written an article for the NEW YORK STATE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE on the 'Life and Times of Garcia da Orta (1500-1568).' da Orta was the author of a book which gives the first clear cut description of the disease cholera, and describes an autopsy on an Indian patient with this disease. His book also catalogues, discusses and evaluates and details the method of cultivation of many tropical plants. Dr. Pelner is the director of the department of medicine at the Swedish Hospital in New York. This fascinating article is now in our library, courtesy of Dr. Pelner.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The following books and articles have been added to the library. Next month we hope to have a single listing of all the books, articles etc. added to the library since the latest library list.

THE WAR OF THE ROSES, monograph by Joan Murray, gift of Mrs Murray
SIR WILLIAM CORNWALLIS THE YOUNGER, by Arthur Kincaid, rebuttal of R. J. A. Bunnett's article in RICARDIAN #19

MAINTENANCE AND THE WARS OF THE ROSES by Alan Rogers, HISTORY TODAY, March, 1967, Xerox copy gift of Mrs Sol Newman.

CROSBY HALL, pamphlet, gift of Betty Schloss

TRAITOR'S SUMMER, TVscript by Alan Smithies. Typescript gift of Libby Haynes.

MEMORIALS OF THE GARTER (1438-1501) Xerox copy gift of Libby Haynes
ENGLAND by John R. Green, 1461-1603 pub. 1896, gift of Libby Haynes

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. 1481), 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!)

The above quote, parenthetical remarks mine, occurs on p. 35 of MONARCH NOTES AND STUDY GUIDES - HISTORY OF ENGLAND, by Elliot R. Barkin, Dept. of History, Pace College; consulting editor, George L. A. Reilly, Phd., Chairman, Dept. of History and Political Science, Seton Hall University published by Monarch Press Inc., 387 Park Ave. So., N. Y., N. Y. 10016.

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 Histography, listing it under 'introduction to the problems of historiography.' So possibly the book will remain in print longer this time than last.

TO PROVE A VILLAIN 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 Plains 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 Bacon 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?

All 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 annual 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 'kighthood' 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.

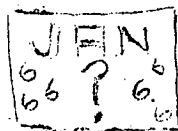
Jean Airey

MAKEE 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 Wyngge-Dyngge?? 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?



MALMSY





RICARDIAN TOUR TO ENGLAND

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 McKittrick 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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