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## 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

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BETTY SCHLOSS REPORTS ON WESTERN TRIP

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 our 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 'indispensible' 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 advisor 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  
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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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