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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 SKELTON... University of Georgia... \$3.95... March  
Clemen, Wolfgang... A COMMENTARY ON SHAKESPEARE'S RICHARD III... Barnes & Noble  
... \$10.00... May (Professor Clemen is at Munich University)  
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 Scofield, 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

"Some Brief Notes and Excerpts" of THE HISTORY OF THE LIFE AND REIGN OF KING RICHARD THE THIRD by Sir George Buck, by William Snyder. A valuable study aid to the Buck book. Gift of Mr. Snyder

"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.

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