

in a curiously similar manner by knocking his head on a low gateway. He at first showed no ill effects, but some hours later collapsed, lost the power of speech, and died 9 hours afterwards. It has been suggested that Henry inherited porphyria from his French ancestors (*Ricardian*, No. 43, 1973, pp.14-15); perhaps he also inherited a thin skull.

Notices of Books and Articles

THE FOLLOWING list consists of recent books and articles, mainly published within the last twelve months, although a few earlier publications are included. The appearance of an item in this list does not preclude its subsequent review.

BOOKS

Royal Faces: 900 Years of British Monarchy, 64 pages, 1977, H.M.S.O., £2.50.

Each monarch is portrayed using coins, carvings, seals, effigies, paintings and photographs.

National Maritime Museum: Catalogue of the Library, Vol. 5, *Naval History*, Part 1—*The Middle Ages to 1815*, 218 pages, 1977, H.M.S.O., £12.

T. H. Lloyd, *English Wool Trade in the Middle Ages*, 351 pages, 1977, Cambridge University Press, £12.50.

The wool trade was a most important source of revenue to England in the Middle Ages, and influenced the economic and political fortunes of many different parts of society.

J. R. Lander, *Conflict and Stability in Fifteenth Century England*, 3rd edition, 220 pages, 1977, Hutchinson, £5.50, or £2.75 (paperback).

This important study of fifteenth century England has been thoroughly revised.

Constance Hieatt and Sharon Butler, *Pleyn Delit: Mediaeval Cookery for Modern Cooks*, 192 pages, 1977, Toronto University Press, £5.95.

Contains over 100 mediaeval recipes translated and adapted for twentieth century cooks.

M. G. A. Vale, *Piety, Charity and Literacy among the Yorkshire Gentry, 1370-1480*, 32 pages, 1976, St Anthony's Press, 60p (paperback).

ARTICLES

Richard J. Walsh, Charles the Bold and the Crusade: Politics and Propaganda, *Journal of Mediaeval History*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 1977, pp.53-86.

A description of the pressures put on Charles to support a crusade, and his response to them. His attitude towards the crusade is used to support the view that he was less rash than the traditional view allows.

K. R. Dockray, The Troubles of the Yorkshire Plumpton, *History Today*, Vol. 27, No. 7, 1977, pp.459-466.

The story of a West Riding family of Percy retainers whose land-holdings suffered from legal disputes and events during the Wars of the Roses.