

HORACE WALPOLE'S PARIS JOURNALS

WALPOLE'S *Paris Journals* cover 119 pages of a quarto volume, bound in vellum, inscribed on the front cover: *Journals of Lord Orford's Journeys to Paris, etc.* in Miss Berry's hand. He has written on the back strip: 2 [inverted triangle] *Paris*, vertically. The MS, formerly in the Waller Collection, is now in the Percival Merritt Collection at Harvard University. Except for Walpole's lists of letters (printed in his *Letters*, Supplement I, ed. Paget Toynbee, Oxford, 1918, ii. 199–237), and his anecdotes on the Scots College and on Onslow (printed in *Blackwood's Magazine* ccxxi. 457, 459), the MS is hitherto unpublished. Dr Toynbee describes the journals in 'Horace Walpole in Paris,' the *Times* (London), N^o 43732, 16 Aug. 1924, pp. 11–12.

The arrangement of the original MS is haphazard. Between the five journals of Walpole's Paris sojourns in 1765–6, 1767, 1769, 1771, and 1775, are scattered memoranda and anecdotes. In the back of the book (which he turned upside down when he made his entries) are several more of such memoranda. To simplify the arrangement, we give: first, the five journals; second, the loose anecdotes, verses, proverbs, etc.; third, the lists of letters written to and from France; fourth, the lists of deaths that occurred in England while Walpole was in France; fifth, his expense accounts, with lists of purchases and shipments; and, sixth, his lists of visits and commissions.

Walpole's spelling of proper names (especially French ones) is inconsistent. Names which he certainly misspelled are corrected here; those which are doubtful are left in their original form. The people mentioned in the journals and the anecdotes are identified, as far as possible, in the index; the annotation is kept at a minimum because the journals are printed merely as a supplement to the correspondence. An asterisk is used to indicate passages which are crossed out. *Post* and *ante* are used here to refer to the *Paris Journals*, not to the correspondence.