

4. Parse *nauede, sande, yeuen, lithende, tholemod, bithohte, dihten, sende, spec, witene, rich.*

SECOND PAPER.

1. Translate into modern English—

Gret was the fest in Athenus that day,
And eek that lusty sesoun of that May
Made every wight to ben in such plesaunce,
That al the Monday jousten they and daunce,
And spende[n] hit in Venus heigh servise.
But by the cause that they schuln arise
Erly a-morwe for to see that fight,
Unto here rest [e] wente they at nyght.
And on the morwe whan the day gan spryng[e],
Of hors and hernoys noyse and clateryng[e]
Ther was in the oostes al aboute ;
And to the paleys rood ther many a route
Of lordes, upon steed and on palfreys.
Ther mayst thou see devysyng of herneys
Souncowth and so riche wrought and wel
Of goldsmithry, of browdyng, and of steel ;
The scheldes bright[e], testers, and trappures ;
Gold-beten helmes, hauberks, and cote-armures ;
Lordes in paramentz on her[e] courses,
Knightes of retenu, and eek squyers
Rayhyng the speres, and helmes bokelyng.
Girdyng of scheeldes, with layneres lasyng ;
Ther as need is, they were nothing ydel ;
Ther fomen steedes, on the golden bridel
Gnawying, and faste [the] armurers also
With fyle and hamer prikyng to and fro ;
Yemen on foote, and knaves many oon
With schorte staves, as thikke as they may goon ;
Pypes, trompes, nakers, and clariounes,
That in the batail blewe bloody sownes ;
The paleys ful of pepul up and down,
Heer thre, ther ten, haldyng her[e] questioun,
Dyvynyng of this Thebans knightes two.
Som seyden thus, som seyde it schal be so ;
Som heelde with him with the blake berd,
Som with the ballyd, som with [the] thikke hered ;
Som sayd he lokede [e] grym and wolde fight[e] ;
He hath a sparth of twenti pound of wight[e].
Thus was the halle ful of devynyng [e],
Lang after that the sonne gan to spring [e].
The gret[e] Theseus that of his sleep is awaked
With menstralcy and noyse that was maked,
Held yit the chambre of his paleys riche,
Til that the Thebanes knyghtes bothe i-liche
Honoured weren, and into paleys fet.
Duk Theseus was at a wyndow set,
Arayed right as he were god in trone.
The pepul presed [e] thider-ward ful sone
Him for to seen, and doon him reverence,
And eek herken his hest and his sentence.
An herowd on a skaffold made a hoo,