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'But why do they want to kill each other? Isn't that very wasteful?' Thus said Tamburlaine Mouse to his father as they observed the preparations for war at the rectory where British soldiers are billeted in 1914. Parallel to the human story, George MacBeth tells of a family of mice fighting the battle for survival in the attic. Tamburlaine finds violence exciting and those who die heroic. He is to die himself when the mice are smoked out of the attic. **The Rectory Mice** is a metaphoric tale taking an ironic look at human behaviour through the eyes and lives of the mice. Young readers may be misled into thinking it is an easy read. It is however linguistically quite a challenge and accessible really to the eleven plus group. With sensitive discussion it should read aloud well to a top primary class.

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