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Linda Robertson has worked hard at getting a George Eliot session at the annual MLA Convention, so far without success. But she sends her usual report of a friendly gathering during the Conference which brings together members in the USA.

On December 29 several members of the Fellowship who were attending the Modern Language Association convention in Toronto met for dinner at Butterfield's Restaurant. Linda K. Robertson presided, and others in attendance were Shoshana M. Knapp, Joanna Yin, Nancy Henry, and Paul Lorenz.

Linda conveyed greetings from Kathleen and Bill Adams and from the Fellowship in England. Although there was no Special Session on George Eliot scheduled on the MLA program for 1993, the group agreed that a session should be proposed for the 1994 convention in San Diego, California. Cathy Civello's suggested session topic 'Scenes of Seduction in Victorian Women's Fiction' (with papers on George Eliot particularly welcome) was endorsed by the group, and Cathy will select the speakers and prepare the proposal. Nancy Henry volunteered to develop a possible topic for 1995.

Discussion during the dinner included Nancy's forthcoming edition of Theophrastus Such as well as a variety of recent publications on Eliot and other authors. There was strong agreement that plans should be made for a dinner meeting in San Diego.