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The annual American dinner of the Fellowship was held on 28 December 1994 at The Harbor House restaurant in San Diego, California, site of the Modern Language Association convention. Arrangements for the dinner were made by Harriet Williams, and Linda Robertson hosted the dinner and served as recorder for the evening. Those who attended included William Baker, Margaret Carter, Catherine Civello, Connie Fulmer, Shoshana Knapp, Carol Martin, Solveig Robinson, and Jeanette Shumaker.

Official activities included the traditional toast to George Eliot and the sending of greetings to members of the Fellowship who were not present. Recent books about George Eliot, the Warwick conference scheduled for July, and current projects and literary interests were among the topics discussed during dinner. It was decided that a special session should be proposed for the 1996 MLA convention in Chicago, Illinois; and Cathy Civello agreed to prepare a session entitled ‘George Eliot and Contemporary Women Writers’.

NOTE

We regret that we are unable to publish the address at the 1994 Nuneaton Wreath-laying or the toast to the Immortal Memory at the 1994 George Eliot Birthday Luncheon. The text of the former by Mrs Jean Bates and of the latter by Andrew Davies were requested but did not arrive.