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ADE NEWSLETTER

Volume 1, Number 4

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Issued hastily in the aftermath of the Association for Documentary Editing's meeting at Princeton, N.J., 8-10 November (extensive coverage of which is slated for the next Newsletter), this is a collection of

Year's End Oddments & Miscellany

ADE'S OFFICERS FOR 1980: Lester Cappon, president; Arthur Link, past-president; John Simon, president-elect; Ray Smock, secretary-treasurer; Jon Kukla, director of publications.

SOME ONE HUNDRED THIRTY MEMBERS OF ADE attended the three-day meeting at Princeton. Secretary-Treasurer Ray Smock is mailing minutes of the business meeting as well as the current list of members and addresses along with this brief *Newsletter*.

We speak for all those present in extending our thanks to Arthur Link and to Charlene Bickford, founding secretary-treasurer, for smoothly and graciously coordinating the arrangements for the meeting, and to Lester Cappon for engineering an exceptionally strong program. Look for highlights from the papers read in the next *ADE Newsletter*.

RADISHES, OVER EASY, IN THE BIG APPLE: ADE members and friends who are in the New York City area during the annual meeting of the American Historical Association are invited to gather for breakfast at the New York Hilton, Rockefeller Center, Suite 513, at 7:45 a.m. on Friday, 28 December 1979. The \$11.50 tab includes a full breakfast and all gratuities, and may be paid that morning by cash or check. Since we need to know how many bleary-eyed, hungry editors to expect, if you plan to attend please inform Barbara B. Oberg, Papers of Philip Mazzei, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, N.J. 07960 (201 538-2886 ext. 59) as promptly as possible.

Breakfast conversation is not expected to center on the editing of a passage from Oliver Wolcott's postscript to his letter to Laura Wolcott of 11 May 1776:

*I most heartily Wished that you could have Breakfasted
with Me this Morning upon some Very fine Radishes.*

--Paul H. Smith, ed., *Letters to Delegates to Congress*, 3:659.

WANTED: EXEMPLARY CITATIONS, SUGGESTIONS, GUIDANCE, AND ASSISTANCE

Building on the base established by Robert Rutland, the 1980 numbers of the *ADE Newsletter* will seek to become an arena for dialogue about the craft of documentary editing. Dialogues are perhaps not always conducted in arenas, but then in his presidential address at Princeton, Arthur Link urged that we initiate "lively communication and discussion . . . to improve our standards" of selection, annotation, and methodology. Features contemplated for 1980 include:

▷ Succinct but vigorous reviews of edited works, together with editors' comments.
▷ Short discussions of things that might have been done differently, by the editors who didn't.

▷ "Exemplary Citations"--word of noteworthy reviews and articles that might otherwise escape the notice of all but specialists in a field.

For instance, in *The Library*, 5th ser., 32 (1977):177-182, Hans Walter Gabler's review of a facsimile Joyce edition describes the limits and merits of facsimile reproduction--and shows that the camera or the copying machine cannot replace the editor.

Or, in the *Virginia Quarterly Review*, 55 (Summer 1979):536-539, Raymond Nelson wrote of "Stalking Whitman with Shotgun and Bludgeon."

Look for these and other matters in the next *ADE Newsletter*. In the meantime, if your publisher has a review copy in need of a reviewer, or if you are a reviewer in need of a copy, or if you have found or written an exemplary citation, or if you have an editorial monologue that can be transformed into dialogue by pushing it into the arena of the *ADE Newsletter*, write. Or call (804) 786-2312. --Jon Kukla