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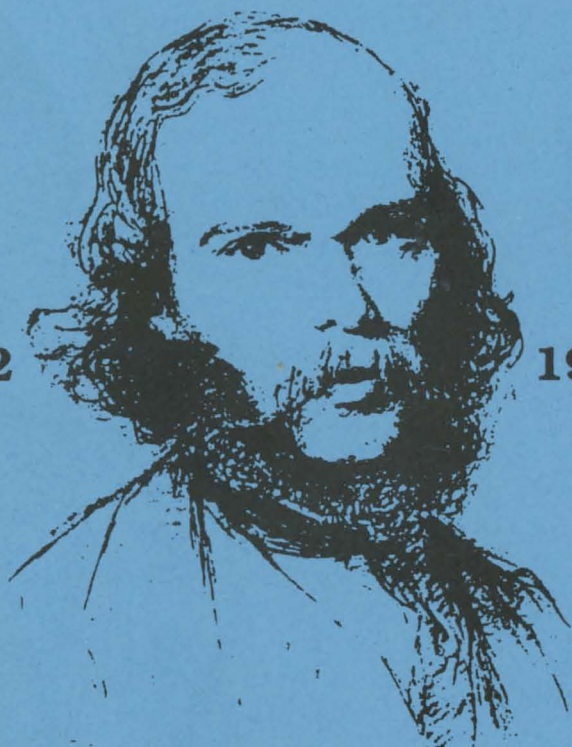
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Dr. Rosemary Ashton with the Mayor of Nuneaton and Bedworth, Councillor M. Jones, in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Nuneaton. October 27th 1990

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the subject of the 1990 George Eliot Memorial Lecture

Contributions are invited for the 1992 issue. They may be on any subject relating to George Eliot's work, life, family or friends. They should be up to 1500 words in length and it is preferred that footnotes are used only sparingly. Contributions must be typed (double spacing) and should reach the Editors not later than February 28th 1992. Editor's address for 1992 issue: Dr. Graham Handley, Glasgow Stud Farm-house, Crews Hill, Enfield, Middlesex.

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NUNEATON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, Riversley Park, Nuneaton has been closed for some time for extension and refurbishment. On April 26th, under the Curatorship of Gina Quant, it was opened by the Mayor of Nuneaton and Bedworth Councillor M. Jones. On the ground floor the George Eliot Room is based on her drawing room at the Priory in London (circa 1870) and contains models of George Eliot, G.H. Lewes and John Cross. There is a new local history gallery and galleries devoted to exhibitions as well as a lecture theatre. For the comfort and convenience of visitors, there are now toilets, a lift and a tearoom.

The George Eliot Fellowship congratulates the Curator and her staff and wishes them success and a growing flow of visitors, particularly to the George Eliot Room!

EDITORIAL NOTE

When the Review began in 1970 it was a very small affair, duplicated on a basic school duplicator and slotted in between my duties as a school secretary. It contained little of any value, particularly in a scholastic sense, but it was a beginning.

Since then, the Review has grown and is now professionally printed and more copies go to more countries around the world than could ever have been foreseen in those early days. Twenty years ago the Fellowship was beginning to grow after the success of the 1969 festivities to mark the 150th anniversary of George Eliot's birth. Now it is a strong international society and, as a result, the work load has increased enormously. I love working for the Fellowship and for George Eliot and for over 23 years it has been an important part of my life. But I am increasingly tied to my desk by the volume of the work and feel I can no longer cope with the task of editing the Review as well as being Fellowship secretary. After this issue, therefore, the editorship will pass to my present co-editor, Graham Handley, and Beryl Gray. They have asked me to add the following from them:

.... It seems appropriate, therefore, for us to pay tribute to Kathleen for her devoted work on the Review since its inception 22 issues ago. Thanks to her efforts it has reached a widening audience, the format has steadily improved, and the quality of the contributions has improved also. It will be our aim to see that this improvement is maintained.

Graham Handley
Beryl Gray

I thank them for their appreciative words and wish them well with the 1992 issue which I shall enjoy reading; at least I can read for pleasure and not for proof!

KATHLEEN ADAMS

MLA CONVENTION, CHICAGO, 1990

The annual convention of the Modern Language Association is the largest of its kind in the humanities. It draws its participants from all over the USA and from countries around the world. It has an annual attendance of more than 10,000 and about 800 meetings are held during each convention. In December 1990 at the convention in Chicago, one of the Fellowship's most supportive American members, Dr. Linda K. Robertson, arranged for other Fellowship members and George Eliot admirers to get together during their stay in Chicago. The meeting she organised went well. Twelve people appeared and voted without dissent to associate themselves with the George Eliot Fellowship and that they should try to get the Fellowship recognised by MLA as an Allied Organisation. Linda was elected the 1991 liaison for the group. She is already planning a dinner for the 1991 MLA convention and is hopeful that a George Eliot session may be accepted. The parent organisation in Britain is delighted that something so positive is being negotiated and congratulate Linda on her diligence.

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