THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA / 
La Société bibliographique du Canada was held on Wednesday, June 10th, 
1981, at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. A programme on the 
theme ‘Bibliography in the Sciences’ had been ably organized by Dr. Carl 
Spadoni, who also chaired the morning and afternoon sessions, held in the 
Health Sciences Centre of McMaster University. The following papers were 
presented, in the morning:

‘Too Much and Too Little: Coping with the Literature of Canadian Medical History’ — 
Dr. C.G. Roland, Jason A. Hannah Professor of the History of Medicine, McMaster 
University;

‘Basic Editorial Questions for Medical and Scientific Work’ — Dr. Philip M. Teigen, 
Osler Librarian, McGill University;

in the afternoon:

Susan Sheets-Pyenson, Special Lecturer, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, Con-
cordia University;

‘Charles Darwin: Some Bibliographical Problems and Textual Implications’ — 
Richard G. Landon, Head, Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto 
[published elsewhere in this volume].

The evening meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Club of McMaster 
University. We are grateful to Bruce Whiteman, who acted as secretary for this 
meeting. The President, Professor Gloria Strathern, called the meeting to 
order and welcomed members to the 36th Annual Meeting.

The first item of business was the presentation of the Tremaine Medal for 
distinguished service to Canadian bibliography to Dr. Olga Bishop, Professor 
Emeritus of the Faculty of Library Science of the University of Toronto. Dr. 
Neill read the citation, and the President presented the medal on behalf of all 
members of the Society. Dr. Bishop responded by describing briefly how she 
became involved in bibliographical research, and she then thanked the Presi-
dent, Dr. Neill, and the members. The President then read the text of a
telegram from Dr. Katherine Packer of the Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, who congratulated Dr. Bishop on behalf of the Faculty.

The Minutes of the 35th Annual Meeting of June 11, 1980, had previously been circulated. The President inquired how many members present had seen them. As most had, it was decided not to have them read. Mr. Kotin moved that they be accepted as circulated. Seconded by Mr. Greig. Carried.

Professor Strathern then gave the President's report. She emphasized two major factors with which the Society had had to contend during the past year: the retirement of Mrs. Jacobsen as Secretary-Treasurer and the problem of inflation and rising costs. She expressed the hope that deferred projects would go ahead and reported that membership for the Society in the Canadian Federation for the Humanities had been considered. The cost being $1200.00, Council decided not to pursue the matter at this time. She mentioned the results of the questionnaire that had been sent to all members and noted that the majority of members were librarians. She also noted that the Society had made a submission to the Applebaum Commission. In conclusion, she thanked the Council for their work and expressed the Society's gratitude to McMaster University for hosting this year's conference and to Dr. Carl Spadoni for the excellent programme that he had arranged.

There followed the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Nominating Committee, the Tremaine Medal Committee, the Publications Committee, the Indexer to the Society, and the editor of the forthcoming third edition of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report covered the period April 30, 1980, to April 30, 1981. There was a balance of $7,400.91 in the General Account and a balance of $3,444.06 in the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies Account.

Dr. Hayne, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the slate for the coming year was as follows:

Honorary President: Marie Tremaine
President: Gloria Strathern
1st Vice-President: Liana Van der Bellen
2nd Vice-President: Desmond Neill
Secretary-Treasurer: Marion Cameron
Associate Secretary: Michel Thériault

Council Members, 1981-1984:
John Ettlinger
John Wiseman

Continuing on Council:
David Hayne, Past President
David Kotin – to 1982
As there were no nominations from the floor, David Hayne's motion for acceptance was carried. The nominees for the Tremaine Medal Committee for 1981-83 were David Kotin (Chairperson), Edith Jarvi, and Elizabeth Hulse.

The report of the Publications Committee followed. Mr. Gundy noted that there had been no submissions to the Committee this year. Work on a revised brochure for the Society had been carried out. Miss Hulse presented the following report:

Volume 18 (1979) of the *Papers/Cahiers* were distributed to members in November 1980, rather later than planned because of delays at the printers and the difficulties of setting some of the copy. The best method of distributing the Society's publications is a problem that has still to be resolved. In the interim four members of Council, Marion Cameron, Desmond Neill, David Kotin, and myself, carried out the work of mailing last year's *Papers*, in a room and with most welcome refreshments provided through the generosity of Massey College.

Volume 19 (1980) is now in press, and it is hoped that it will be ready for distribution by the end of the summer. I would like to express my thanks to The Coach House Press, in particular to Nelson Adams, who has been responsible for the *Papers*, for their continuing cooperation in working out the many problems involved in printing a journal of this nature. I would also like to thank William Morley, who with this volume retires after thirteen years as Review Editor, and to welcome the new Review Editor, David Kotin, of the Canadiana Department, North York Public Library.

Any suggestions and contributions for future volumes of the *Papers* will be gratefully received.

Elizabeth Hulse
Editor, *Papers/Cahiers*

Beth Miller reported that nos. 15 and 16 of the *Bulletin* had been sent out, and she thanked those who had assisted her.

As Indexer to the Society, Mrs. Flitton noted that the index to the *Papers* for 1972-76 would be published in the fall and that she was now working on 1977-81. She had investigated the possibility of the *Papers* being indexed in the *Canadian Periodical Index*, but this would depend on the subscribers' wishes.

Mr. Greig reported that work on the third edition of the *Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies* was progressing. The format had been established, and a report would be made to Council in the fall.
Attention was then turned to a discussion of the proposed revisions to the Society's Constitution. Dr. Neill and Dr. Hayne responded to questions from the floor as the proposed version was investigated point by point. Dr. Neill emphasized that its primary aim was to satisfy one of the requirements for application as a charitable organization.

The following points were suggested:

III, 1 and 3: that the phrase 'accepted by Council' be deleted.

III, 6: that this section include full-time students and retired persons.

v, 1: Dr. Bishop moved that the phrase 'living past presidents' be deleted and 'immediate past president' be substituted. Seconded by Mrs. Cooke. Carried.

Dr. Bishop moved that the number of councillors be increased to 9, 3 to be elected each year, and that the wording be amended as appropriate. Seconded by Mrs. Cooke. Carried.

Mrs. Cooke moved that the wording be changed to 'All the other office holders may hold office for ... may be renewed.' Carried.

That the phrase be: 'All members of the Council must be members in good standing of the Society at the time of the Annual General Meeting.' Carried.

There was no discussion of sections vi, vii, and viii. These were deemed acceptable.

The following points were raised about the By-laws:

2b: should be changed to 3 councillors.

2e: that the phrase 'previously by the President' be changed to 'an auditor outside the Council and appointed at the Annual Meeting.' Carried.

3: that the phrase be 'Honorary Life Members.'

4: no discussion.

5: no discussion.

Mr. Morley suggested that a phrase concerning the non-profit-making nature of the Society would have to be added in section iii. The major disagreement was concerning this section, and it was promised that these problems would be considered by Council at the earliest moment. A revised draft will then be distributed to all members.

Mr. McNally moved 'that the Constitution as amended be accepted in principle and that Council be asked to distribute a final revision to the membership for ratification by a vote by mail.' Seconded by Dr. Thériault. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

GLORIA M. STRATHERN, President
MARION D. CAMERON, Secretary-Treasurer