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Editor's Preface

In the preface to the Autumn 1974 issue of *Shakespeare Quarterly*, I bade a regretful farewell to Rudolph E. Habenicht, Bruce Nesbitt, and their colleagues at Simon Fraser University, assuming that the World Shakespeare Bibliography published in that issue would be the last one compiled by the faithful team in British Columbia. It turns out that my farewell statement was premature. For when it became clear that I would be unable to complete arrangements for relocating the bibliography until the spring of this year, Professor Habenicht graciously offered to coordinate the compilation of one last *SQ* bibliography. Through the good offices of Professor Evan Alderson (chairman of the Department of English) and other administrators at Simon Fraser, Professor Habenicht's generosity was matched by that of his university, which on short notice granted sufficient financial support and staff assistance to enable Professor Habenicht and his able associate, Mr. Thomas F. Grieve, to carry the bibliography forward for one more year. I feel sure that every reader of the *Quarterly* shares my gratitude to these men and their institution for an uncommon display of dedication. Thanks to them, "Shakespeare: An Annotated World Bibliography for 1974" will be published on schedule in the Autumn 1975 issue of *Shakespeare Quarterly*.

Meanwhile, steps are now underway to effect an orderly transfer of the bibliography from Simon Fraser University to Pennsylvania State University. I am pleased to announce that the new Bibliographer for *Shakespeare Quarterly* will be Professor Harrison T. Meserole, who has served with distinction for many years as the Bibliographer of the Modern Language Association of America. Under Professor Meserole's direction, the World Shakespeare Bibliography will be computerized for the first time in its history, beginning, we hope, with the bibliography published in Autumn 1976. Professor Meserole and his staff at Penn State are already developing the program for the new bibliography, and they would welcome any suggestions for improvement or expansion of the current format.

Readers of the Winter 1975 issue of *Shakespeare Quarterly* will have noticed several new names on the masthead. I wish to take this occasion to welcome five Shakespearians who have recently consented to join the Editorial Board: David Bevington, Professor of English at the University of Chicago; Alan C. Dessen, Professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Harry Levin, Irving Babbitt Professor of Comparative Literature at Harvard University; Charles H. Shattuck, Professor of English at the University of Illinois; and Homer Swander, Professor of English at the University of California at Santa Barbara. I also wish to record a welcome to James P. Elder of the Folger administration, who has become a member of the Executive Board, and to three Folger staff members—Ellen W. Faran, Martha B. Gibbons, and Brenda B. Szittyá—who have joined Patricia Ryan Lyles as Editorial Assistants.

J.F.A.