

From the Editor –

In this issue of *ACSQ* I provide an update on the Shaker bibliography project that I announced in the July 2010 issue. Five years later, I think an update is timely, and it is the lead article in this issue. After seven years of steady work on the project, I am beginning to see the end approaching. A standing question in my household is, “When will you finish the Shaker bibliography?” My standard answer has been, “In about two more years.” This time I think that answer is approximately correct. There are a few more site visits to complete, and a few more databases to search, but I have begun the process of putting the data into the form of a bibliography.

The second item published in this issue is a reprint of an article by Isaac Hill, a sympathetic regular visitor and communicator with the Shakers. This is an article we found in the course of preparing the bibliography and thought it interesting enough to share with a wider audience.

Finally I call your attention to the “Home Notes” section, which highlights the acquisition by Hamilton College of the act of incorporation for the community of the Universal Friends, headed by Jemima Wilkinson. Its discovery was featured on the television program *History Detectives*, and ultimately the document was donated to Hamilton College.