

From the Editor –

The lead article in this issue by Magda Gabor-Hotchkiss expands on the information about Brother Ricardo Belden presented by Darryl Thompson in an earlier issue of the *Quarterly*. Gabor-Hotchkiss presents images of Brother Ricardo some of which have not been published before. She received her doctorate (in the Natural Sciences) from the Eotvos Lorand University of Budapest, Hungary. She worked for over two decades at Rockefeller University, New York, in the field of molecular biology. She has spent almost three decades working in various capacities at Hancock Shaker Village Library and is the retired coordinator of the collections there. Her work with Shaker photographs led to the enlarged second edition of *The Shaker Image*, 1994. She is responsible for the five-volume guide to the library collections of Hancock Shaker Village.

Peter Hoehnle details some of the history and practices of Amana life and worship. Hoehnle is project manager for the Iowa Valley Resource, Conservation, and Development Council in Amana, Iowa.

Christian Goodwillie completes his three-part analysis of early newspaper articles about the Shakers. Goodwillie is the Director of Special Collections and Archives at Hamilton College. Goodwillie also presents information about the recent acquisition and conservation of a ca. 1860 ambrotype photograph of the South Family at the Harvard Shaker community, thought to be the earliest photograph of Shaker buildings.

Finally, Hamilton College Library is extremely pleased to announce the acquisition of Stephen and Miriam Miller's Shaker ephemera collection. This is undoubtedly the largest and finest collection of Shaker ephemera held anywhere. It represents a significant addition to Hamilton's collection of Shaker materials and complements it with only minor overlap. The next issue of the *Quarterly* will describe this collection in some detail, with many illustrations, and discuss Hamilton's plans for it.