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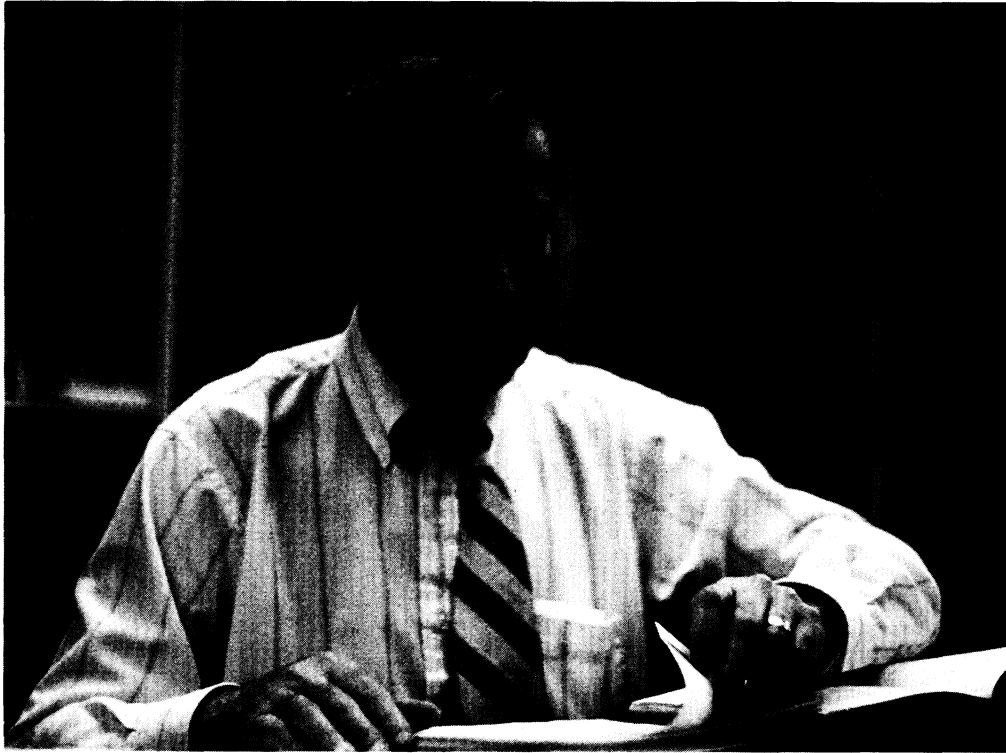
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The first four essays published in this issue of the Harvard Library Bulletin were delivered at a symposium in December 1995 in honor of Hugh Amory, Senior Rare Book Cataloger in the Houghton Library, who had recently retired from Harvard following a library career here that spanned 22 years. The various tributes paid to Hugh Amory that afternoon and evening honored him as an exemplary cataloger, as a bibliographer, as a historian of the book, as a textual editor, as a literary critic, as a reviewer, as a scrupulous (and sometimes excoriating) reader of one's work-in-progress, as a colleague, and as a friend. All of this Hugh Amory bore with his characteristic impatience and insouciant laughter.

I thank Roger Stoddard for providing his introductory appreciation, and Harold Love, Howard Weinbrot, and Michael Treadwell for traveling from the various corners of the globe to honor Hugh Amory in suitably ambitious and polished scholarly style. Hugh Amory has kindly agreed to let us print a talk that he gave to his colleagues in Houghton on 12 December 1991.

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