

EDITORIAL PREFACE

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Literary Onomastics is a new dimension in literary criticism. It is a new discipline in a specialized area in which scholars are concerned with the significance of names in drama, poetry and fiction in any language. These include the names of places, characters, cosmic symbols and so forth, as these relate to theme, structure and other literary considerations.

The majority of articles in Volume Two are revised versions of papers delivered at the Conference on Literary Onomastics, 1974, which met in Rochester, New York, on June 10 and 11--only the second meeting in the United States and Europe devoted entirely to the subject. Anna Bojczun's article was given as a paper at the first conference, in 1973. We want to expand the journal to include articles other than those given originally as papers at the conference. A modest expansion was made possible this year. We are pleased to have Walter P. Bowman's contribution, especially in view of his enthusiastic support of literary onomastics and his work as Associate Editor of the first issue of LITERARY ONOMASTICS STUDIES.

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