

PREFACE

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Deep and inscrutable singular Name.

T. S. Eliot

"The Naming of Cats"

The effability of names continues to provoke deep speculation and scrutiny, as reflected in the papers presented at the Eighth Annual Conference on Literary Onomastics, June 2-3, 1980, Rochester, New York. Most of those papers, slightly revised for print, are collected in this volume, together with one by Dr. Mark Anderson, presented at a former conference, and one by Ms. Barbara Czopek on "Literary Onomastics in Poland." We continue to try to include notes on Onomastics activity around the world, and we welcome any information of this nature that readers wish to submit.

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