

PREFACE

I happy am,
Joy is my name.

William Blake, "Infant Joy"

It is a time for special joy as this volume completes nine years of publication, announces the tenth anniversary meeting of the Conference on Literary Onomastics, and reveals the forthcoming publication of a book tentatively called Names in Literature. The papers in this volume of Literary Onomastics Studies were presented in slightly different form at the Ninth Annual Conference on Literary Onomastics, June 1-2, 1981, Rochester, New York, except for Dr. Allen Walker Read's paper from the 1980 Conference and Dr. Grace Alvarez-Altman's essay prepared especially for this volume. The tenth anniversary Conference will meet June 4-5, 1982 in Rochester, a truly gala event. Names in Literature: The Best of Literary Onomastics Studies (working title), edited by Grace Alvarez-Altman, Walter P. Bowman, and Frederick M. Burelbach, is planned to contain twenty-five of the best and most representative essays in the field of literary onomastics, drawn from past issues of this journal. The book will be included in a series of publications under the general editorship of Leonard R. N.

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Ashley (see his essay in this volume of LOS).

As these conferences and publications show, interest in literary onomastics continues to burgeon. At the December 1981 meeting of the American Name Society, fully half of the papers dealt with literary onomastics, a new trend within the Society. Other news items at the end of this volume give more evidence of growth, but, as Leonard Ashley reminds us herein, there is plenty of room for more work and publication. We encourage readers to tell us of any endeavors in literary onomastics that come to their attention.

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