PREFACE

Bright with names that men remember, loud with names that men forget.

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Once again, at the Thirteenth Annual Conference on Literary Onomastics, held in Rochester, New York, on June 3-4, 1985, men (and, importantly, women) remembered names and their uses in literature, and, in some cases, their forgetting. Papers presented at the conference and specially prepared for this volume cover such topics as literary nicknaming, names of the Devil (or Old Nick), name changes, and namelessness. As in previous volumes, the literatures of various eras and places gain additional illumination from onomastic investigation.

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