

## Editor's Page

The first issue of the third volume of *Names* offers a cross section of onomatological material in which the *ANS* and its journal are interested. It will be the policy of the Editorial Committee to continue to offer as great a variety of articles in name research as possible.

Allen B. Kellogg's contributions will start, we hope, a series of investigations into the use of names for characters in literature. For students of literature a wide and virgin field of research is thereby opened. Mr. Kellogg is professor of English at Indiana, at present engaged in special research at the Huntington Library.

Mr. Sopher's article on Arabic place names in Spain is a contribution to one of the most fruitful fields in onomastics: the tracing of a past culture on the basis of geographical names. Mr. Sopher, who took his Ph.D. under the direction of our charter member Professor John Leighly, is now on the staff of the American Geographical Society.

William E. Mockler, who offers a solution of the origin of the typical American term Ku Klux, is a member of the faculty of the University of West Virginia.

The article on Acteon's dogs gives us an idea of the importance of the nomenclature of man's faithful four-legged friends in literature. (See December issue, p. 233). Dr. Starnes is on the faculty of the University of Texas.

W. L. McAtee, R. D. Roberts, and Levette Davidson are already well known to our readers. Lillian B. Lawler of Hunter College, Henry B. Woolf of Louisiana State University, Lloyd DeWitt of Stanford University, and L. F. Hawley are welcome new contributors to *Names*.

M. V. Moore's poem on the rivers of the south is no contribution to the science of onomastics. Yet, many of our readers will be pleased by this late product of Romantic poetry, binding the colorful names of the rivers by almost flawless iambic octometers. The poem appeared first in *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* of February, 1883, and was submitted by our charter member, Lewis Heck.

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Under the item *Soyuzivka* in the December 1954 issue ("Names in Brief") the name of the author, Jaroslav B. Rudnyckyj, was inadvertently omitted.

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