

Preface and Acknowledgements

This first volume of **Postscript** comes on the eve of the Philological Association of the Carolina's seventh annual meeting. These seven years have seen the association grow in size and stature since the first meeting at Winthrop College in 1977. The program has become larger, while the quality of the papers has remained high. Another quality has also endured--the informal, friendly atmosphere that has made this meeting one to which scholars in language and literature return each year to renew acquaintances and talk without pretense about issues important to their profession and their research.

The papers published in this volume represent the best ones read at the 1981 and 1982 meetings. As editor, my job has been both pleasant and difficult--pleasant because the papers were such a joy to read; difficult because so many deserved publication and only a few could be included in this volume. The papers are, with few exceptions, reprinted here as they were written to be read. We have resisted the temptation to allow authors to expand and fully document their essays. Their topics deserve that treatment; space and time and the nature of this publicaion dictate otherwise.

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