

FOREWORD

The series entitled *Brno Studies in English*, inaugurated by the present volume, is to be published at irregular intervals. Its aim is to inform the wider public about the kind of work being done in the English Seminar of the University in Brno (Czechoslovakia). It will be noted that all studies contained in the present volume are linked by one common feature, viz. by the treatment of their subjects with particular regard to their importance for the actual, present-day period. The linguistic papers try to manifest this approach by independently developing some of the well-established traditions of the Prague group of pre-war years, while the literary papers are mainly aimed at a revaluation of some aspects of the English literary heritage from the angle of to-day's social and cultural context.

May these modest studies also have some share in helping to promote mutual understanding and goodwill among workers in English philology throughout the world!

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