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### **EDITORIAL**

While the first issue of *Studies in Scottish Literature* was in the form of a trial, this second number finds us more firmly established. Critical reception has been encouraging, two distinguished scholars have been added to the editorial board, several interesting articles have been submitted for publication, and new subscriptions have been coming in. This does not suggest that complacency is in order: much remains to be done, especially in the area of attaining wider coverage through more subscriptions.

With the third issue, Texas Technological College will begin subsidizing the publication of SSL. The decision to do so was taken by the President, Dr. R. C. Goodwin, and the Editor takes this opportunity to express his gratitude to him for making the continuation of this journal possible.

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