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### Editor's Note

The Editor regrets that a new computer program made it impossible to produce right justification, different type sizes, footnotes, umlauts and other things which had been incorporated in the previous volume. It is hoped that with Volume 24 we shall be able to achieve the same standard as with Volume 22.

Publications which have a small circulation and yet must, like *Studies in Scottish Literature*, pay their own way are at a real disadvantage when it comes to creating camera-ready copy which meets a high standard. They are not always able to produce the sort of copy they desire, and are not infrequently misled by people pushing their particular software. Program hucksters seem to be the linear descendents of the old horse trader.

So with apologies for the appearance of the present volume, the Editor hopes that the next one will have the problems solved. Readers of *SSL* will recognize, he feels confident, that there has been no decline in the quality of contributions to the volume.