

## EDITORIAL

Looking through early issues of 'Northern Studies' one is impressed by the broad range of topics which we have presented over the years. This present number, however, is limited to two major articles, one dealing with the human geography of Norway, and the other with the more technical aspects of the Shetland boat. In some respects, it is difficult to reflect the interests of our members in 'Northern Studies'. Many of you must wish for more articles relating to Scandinavian literature, for example, but it does seem at the moment that our colleagues in the fields of archaeology, history, and human geography are the most anxious to have their researches published! However, we hope to redress the balance in some measure in our next issue.

We would appreciate if members would inform us of new writings in the field of Scandinavian studies from time to time. This journal was originally intended as a news-letter as well as a vehicle for scholarly articles, and there must be many new publications which appear during the year which would merit a mention in the journal. Reviews of new books are therefore always welcome.

Finally, we would like to record our grateful thanks to Mrs. Betsy Uldall for carrying out the arduous task of reading the proofs for this number. The work of the proof-reader often goes unsung, and the Society is most indebted to her.