

## **PREFACE**

This issue of 'Northern Studies' is a change from our established format. With the inevitable increases in printing costs and postage, we have decided to concentrate on a single annual issue. However, we are confident that this will provide our members with good value for money, since the number and size of articles should match, if not exceed, the annual output of past years. Delays in production have meant that this issue is very late, and for this we apologise, but it is hoped that Volume 21 will be in the hands of members before the end of 1984.

Two of the articles included were read at the 1982 Edinburgh Folk Festival's lecture series 'But Scotland's Greatly Altered Now'. These are by Hugh Cheape and Angus Martin, and represent something of a departure from our usual coverage. The Society's Faroe Symposium, held in Edinburgh in November 1982 was highly successful. Tony Jackson has kindly provided an introduction with the symposium contributions of Glyn Jones, Ian Keillar and John Baldwin.

Since new books on Scandinavia are constantly appearing, we would welcome reviews for the next, and future, issues. Back numbers of 'Northern Studies' (Vols. 6-19) inclusive are still available, price 75p, post-free.