

## JOSIP TORBARINA

The sad news of the death of Josip Torbarina during the Shakespeare conference in Stratford-on-Avon on the 22nd August 1986, reached us too late for us to include more than a note in the present issue.

Professor Josip Torbarina, born in 1902, was the founder of the English Department in the University of Zagreb and the first editor of the English section of this journal. His collaborators, pupils, and colleagues owe an immense debt to his learning and scholarly experience. Among his varied interests, ranging from the comparative aspects of the culture of Dubrovnik and Dalmatia to recent English literature, Torbarina's enthusiasm for Shakespeare and his profound understanding of his work were of particular value to English studies in Yugoslavia. After his retirement in 1974 he untiringly continued his research and his translation of Shakespeare's plays. This journal devoted a double volume, 1972—73. (Nr. 33—36), to Torbarina on the occasion of his 70th birthday; it includes a full bibliography up to that date. It is our intention to devote further appreciation of his work in a forthcoming issue of ***Studia romanica et anglica zagrabiensia***.

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