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Preface

The 1977 *Annual Reports* exhibit the same kind of coverage as seen in the 1976 volumes. However, in view of the suspension of the non-viable *Specialist Periodical Reports* titles covering much of inorganic chemistry, it is planned to increase the treatment of those areas in Section A of the 1978 Reports. The Society's Books and Reviews Committee has also recognised that the present coverage of physical chemistry in *Annual Reports* is somewhat irregular and uneven and that possibly the literature needs of practising physical chemists are therefore not being met. Hence an investigation is being undertaken into the type of Reports desired by physical chemists, in particular the areas to be covered and the depth of the treatment, bearing in my mind the Society's existing *Specialist Periodical Reports* titles in this area. It is thus hoped to be able to determine in time for the 1979 *Annual Reports* whether a separate volume for physical chemistry would be feasible.

With these 1977 Reports Professor M. F. Lappert has completed his term of office as Senior Reporter for the Inorganic Chemistry part of Section A, and we thank him for his great efforts over the past three years. We welcome as a new Senior Reporter Dr. G. P. Moss who collaborates with his colleague Dr. J. H. P. Utley on the coverage and organisation of Section B, Organic Chemistry.

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