

Editorial

This marks the completion of the first volume of the Journal to be published for us by Blackwell Scientific Publications. In future, Editorials will appear like this one with title pages, and lists of contents and books reviewed, in the last issue each year. The transition to our new arrangements led to a crop of misprints, for which we apologize to authors and readers.

1987 will see a further change, because we shall be producing four issues instead of three. The first, due in January, will be a special issue devoted to Documentary Editing in the History of Science; it will print papers delivered at a conference held in April 1985 at the Rockefeller Archive Center, with support from the Center and from the Macy Foundation. The publication of this special issue has been made possible by a subvention from the Rockefeller Archive Center, for which we are very grateful.

The three remaining parts will appear at three-month intervals, and we hope that this pattern of quarterly publication will become the norm in the years that follow. The Journal began with two issues a year in 1962, two years then making a volume; so the biggest to date was Volume 6, 1972–1973. In 1974, we went to thrice yearly publication, with one volume per year; and in 1987, appearing quarterly, we shall hope to produce the largest volume so far to mark our silver jubilee. Biggest does not necessarily mean best: but there is no doubt that excellent papers are being written and coming our way, and that the volume of books which we should review—and if possible review more quickly—is increasing. There seems no doubt that we can maintain our standards and bring out four issues per year, and that we ought to do so.

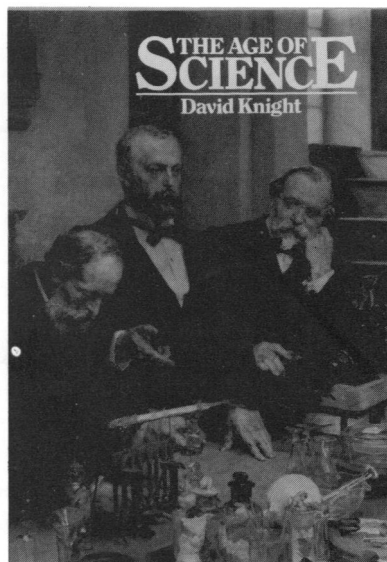
In all this we are very grateful once again to the referees who have given their often-considerable services very willingly, and have played a very important part in polishing and improving papers, and to the Council of the British Society for the History of Science for its support of the Journal, which is at once its biggest earner and spender.

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