## PREFACE

This review covering the 1983 literature has appeared a little later than I had hoped, but I am confident that it will be useful in alerting chemists to the new information on the Main Group Elements that has become available. The volume is slightly longer this year, reflecting an increase in the number of significant publications in this area during 1983. I am once again indebted to my colleagues in Nottingham, who assiduously read and summarised a mass of new chemistry and to Trevor Spencer who produced the typescript.

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