

PREFACE

In 1979, volume 30 of *Coordination Chemistry Reviews* contained the first annual Main Group Chemistry Review. The issue was edited by Bryan Sowerby and summarized advances in the chemistry of the Main Group elements during 1978. The annual Main Group Chemistry Review continued for nine years and provided excellent coverage of the primary literature discussing the material in terms of the eight periodic groups. The reviews were authored by P. Hubberstey, G. Davidson, P.G. Harrison, M.F.A. Dove, M.G. Barker, I.G. Southerington and D.B. Sowerby, all members of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Nottingham. In 1992, Barry Lever edited an issue of *Coordination Chemistry Reviews* which focussed on topics in Main Group Chemistry. It was this issue that became the model for the Reviews presented in this year's issue and in the Main Group Chemistry issues to follow in 1994 and 1995.

The 1993 issue contains eleven articles on topics ranging across the Main Group by authors from Great Britain, United States, Germany, France, Finland and Canada, consistent with the international status of the journal.

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