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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers:

I have been reflecting on the persistent myth that a journal is only as good as its Editor. The truth is that a journal is only as good as the papers that you, the readership, submit or sponsor. Much is owed to authors, to advisory editorial board members, and to the ever exciting entity we call Science. As an author of research articles, I have always been less than satisfied with the speed of appearance of articles and I have expressed that frustration to editors and publishers more than a few times. After more than a decade as an editor, I now know better why there is a delay but I still understand the impatience of authors.

This issue begins another year for "CRAC." Will we see more changes in the direction of chemical measurement science? I am certain there will be such changes as more of the established science is converted to routine use. We are beginning to see suggestions for manuscripts devoted to various aspects of nano technology and its demands on measurement science. I also know that one needs to be careful as the temptation to dismiss known areas as being settled with no innovation possible. Such statements can prove embarrassing. The first paper on Vapour Phase Fractometry given at a Gordon Conference in the 1950s was viewed as a report of an interesting area in which all that would be done was done. That prophecy applied to gas chromatography (as it was later known) proved less than insightful.

Please feel free to write and to suggest a topic you would like to write on or would like to see articles based on. The Journal is still interested in "tutorial" articles and insights of use to those in the classroom. Most importantly, a "critical" review can be written in the first year of important discovery and need not be a view of decades past.

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Editor-in-Chief

