

Preface

This report summarizes the literature for 1987 available to us by March 1988. The format of recent volumes has been retained.

I regret that an unusual combination of factors has led to the exceptional delay in bringing this volume to publication. We are well aware that the value of this report diminishes with time, and since this is the last report for which I will be responsible as Senior Reporter, I hope Professor Ferrier will have more success in expediting publication as he takes over.

I would like to thank all my colleagues for their contributions to this volume. We welcome Dr. Peter Tyler as a new member of the team, bringing an even stronger New Zealand flavour to the work. I would also like to thank Dr. P.G. Gardam and Mr A.G. Cubitt and their colleagues at the Royal Society of Chemistry for the production of this report from our submitted typescripts.

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R E P R I N T S

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