

Editorial

This year the parts were to have been bound in shocking pink, though in the event it was more like scarlet, because the Editor has exceeded the term of five years which he wrote for himself when he began: believing as he still does that criminals should not serve too long sentences, or that the powerful should not cling to office. By the time this appears, Council will have begun the process of looking for a successor; who should be appointed, all being well, by early 1988 and after an extended handover will be responsible for the 1989 issue, and for nominating a new Editorial Board. The job is both educational and entertaining.

Although as one might have predicted, the continuing experiment in British Universities has shown that insecurity and poverty do not lead to an explosion of scholarship; we have continued to get from home and abroad excellent papers, which we hope are also accessible. We want to keep up as far as possible with whatever new and interesting is going on in our field; and quarterly appearance will allow us to do it better. Next year the parts will appear in different months; the first will be in March, and then in June, September, and December. This will go with the Society's membership year beginning in January; members who have not renewed by March will not get a Journal.

Once again it is a pleasure to thank all those who have refereed papers for us, and all members of the Editorial Board; and especially John Durant, whose connection with the Journal as Reviews Editor and then as Board Member goes back longer than mine, and who has now resigned. His place has been taken by Michael Shortland, who will be familiar to our readers, and whom we warmly welcome.