

Note by Regional Editors

Professor G.E. Coates contributed substantially to the development of organometallic chemistry through his research, his teaching, and the excellent, widely-used textbook entitled "Organometallic Compounds", of which he was the senior author and which first appeared in 1956 and ran to two later editions. He inspired enthusiasm for organometallic chemistry in his students and co-workers, and it was they who initiated the suggestion that an issue of this journal should be dedicated to him on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The idea met with a warm response, and when the proposal was put to us by Dr. N.A. Bell and Professor K. Wade we agreed to it with enthusiasm. We are most grateful to Dr. Bell and Professor Wade for their invaluable help in the organization of the issue.

We join the contributors to the issue in wishing Professor Coates much happiness in his retirement.

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