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This issue consists of two parts: a selection of the papers prepared for the special session of Section IV (Physics) of the XV International Congress of the History of Science, Edinburgh, 1977, which commemorated the centenary of the birth of Frederick Soddy; and essay reviews which focus on the borderline of history and philosophy of science, and the interactions between them.

Because of the amount of space taken up by these two parts, the regular book reviews section has had to be held over until March 1980, when the section will be expanded. And while on the subject of book reviews, it gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of a Reviews Editor, Dr John R. Durant, of University College, Swansea, who will be responsible for all reviews from now on.

NICHOLAS FISHER

THE SINGER PRIZE

The British Society for the History of Science has established the Singer Prize, to be awarded every two years for an unpublished essay based on original research on any aspect of the history of science, including mathematics. Professor Charles Singer (1876–1960), the distinguished historian of science and medicine, was a founder-member, and the first President of the Society. The prize consists of one hundred pounds.

The competition is open to anyone with a scholarly interest in the history of science who shall not have reached 30 years of age by the closing date, 30 September 1980. Full or student members of the Society from any country may enter the competition (membership details on inside back cover of this *Journal*). Essays must be submitted in English, typewritten and double-spaced on one side of the paper. Essays should not exceed 6,000 words in length (excluding footnotes), and must be fully documented following the conventions used by the *British journal for the history of science*. The prize-winning essay will be considered for publication in the *Journal*, but this cannot be guaranteed.

All entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Society, Dr W. F. Bynum, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP, with the words 'Singer Prize' clearly written on the envelope. Each entry should contain a separate title-page giving the author's name, title of essay, institution (if any), address, and date of birth, so that this information can be removed before the essay is circulated to the judges. Essays (only one from each competitor) must be received no later than 30 September 1980.

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