EDITORIAL

Only three years ago, the number of issues of the Astrophysical Journal published during a year was increased from six to eight "in order to decrease the size of single issues" (Ap. J., 137, 1, 1963). Yet the size of single issues has continued to increase: from an average of three hundred pages to well over four hundred pages (and two issues during 1965 exceeded five hundred pages). It is not only the number of pages; the number of communications submitted as Letters to the Editor have also increased spectacularly: from twenty-one Letters in 1963 to sixty-three Letters in 1965. And it is not only the volume; the number of important discoveries and advances announced in our pages during the past three years have been unprecedented.

So for the first time in its seventy years of publication, the Astrophysical Journal goes on a monthly schedule: effective this volume we shall publish twelve issues during a year with three issues comprising a volume. With this increase in the number of issues and volumes to be published, the annual subscription to the Journal, as we have announced in detail on another page, had to be increased from $25.00 to $35.00; the members of the American Astronomical Society are, however, entitled to a reduced rate (currently $18.00) to be subscribed through the Society. (Members of foreign national astronomical societies are also allowed reduced rates; to avail themselves of this privilege they should, in the first instance, write to the Managing Editor.) At the same time our customary page charges have been standardized at a flat rate of $20.00 per page of typed text and $10.00 per planographed page; but for Letters (in view of the additional effort and expense involved) the rate will be $25.00 per page.

As three years ago, the present enlargement in the services of the Astrophysical Journal was gladly approved by the Editorial Board, the Council of the American Astronomical Society, and the University of Chicago Press. But again it is necessary to remind authors that the utmost restraint and economy must be exercised
in the writing of their papers, and in the selection and arrangement of material presented in the form of tables, line drawings, and halftones. It may be well to remember that terseness of style and economy of presentation need not detract from clarity and intelligibility; indeed, they may contribute to that end.

The Managing Editor would like to take this opportunity to express his gratitude to the generous assistance he has always received from the Editorial Board; and also to the innumerable unnamed referees who have carried a heavy burden of responsibility: it is their anonymous efforts that have contributed, principally, to the present standing of this Journal.

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