

EDITORIAL

The unprecedented lateness with which our last issue appeared is a cause for apology to our readers, and this apology is offered in all sincerity. The reasons for the delay are too diverse to be enumerated here to any useful purpose, but we are grateful to contributors and to readers alike for their indulgence. When June is postponed until November, however, December cannot come prompt upon its cue, and desperate remedies are called for if the clock is not permanently to be set back. Consequently, to accelerate its issue, this number does not conform to the pattern of its immediate predecessors. Size has been slightly reduced, the balance between history and literature has been altered in favour of a slightly greater homogeneity of contents, and the Reviews and Short Notices Section has been omitted. Chronology has also been sacrificed to topicality, to the extent that the inclusion of an obituary and of a number of titles of books received gives the lie to our date of "December 1964". However, it is our confident belief that, this irregularity allowed, the June 1965 number will appear more promptly and by December we should be up to date. We hope to enlarge the Reviews section in June in compensation for its omission now and to return to our usual policy in respect of number and variety of articles. Moreover, our circulation has now reached the size where an alternative form of production may soon prove both necessary and practicable. For all these reasons we would reiterate our request for even more contributions, and for comments and suggestions on policy either at the annual conference or by post as indicated on the final page of this issue.

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