INTRODUCTION

My major motivation for calling into being this informal and irregular bulletin has been the feeling that the study of traditional Chinese science would benefit if all of my friends and colleagues could keep up with each other's work. I intend it primarily to serve as a means of communication between people all over the world who are attempting through study of primary sources to comprehend the Chinese traditions of science, technology, and medicine. This first issue is a directory of such people outside of East Asia. I plan in the second issue to provide a similar list for China, Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia. When the question of who one's colleagues are has thus been spoken to, it will be possible in later issues to publish a variety of aids to study, and then to bring the directory up to date every few years.

Chinese Science will only publish articles that would be out of place in a more general journal of the history of science or of Asian Studies, but would be of real use to workers in the field. Examples are notes on, queries about, and news of primary sources; bibliographies and glossaries, and notices of bibliographies and glossaries published elsewhere; corrections to and reflections on one's previous publications; indexes to sources; and lists of unpublished materials which are available for private circulation. I hope to compile the second directory issue next fall or winter, so the first issue with contributions from readers should go to press in the spring or summer of 1976. If you would like to make a contribution of any of these kinds, please write and let me know what you have in mind. Because I have strong convictions about prompt publication, I would like first to form a general idea of what might be available for each issue. What I need is a description of each possible contribution and when it could definitely be ready. Formal

acceptance will depend on examination of a draft. I would rather not have the final version itself until the time has come to compile the issue in which it will be published.

What I have in mind is a utilitarian, inexpensive journal meant for a small readership, designed as simply as possible in every respect that does not affect its value for research. Since printing will be by photo-offset, there is no limit to the number of Chinese characters that can be included in the text itself. Footnotes should rarely be needed, since for articles of the kinds likely to be published, bibliographic references can be incorporated in the text. Details of standard layout and citation style will be provided to anyone interested in contributing. Final drafts should not be prepared until an earlier version has been accepted. Referees will be expected to respect the confidentiality of unpublished documents, and acceptance will depend upon taking into consideration the critiques of referees.

At least for the first two or three issues, I propose to distribute Chinese Science free to those listed in its directory. It will also be available to other individuals and to libraries at a price calculated to recover (if possible) the cost of printing and mailing. That price will be \$1.50, including postage anywhere.

DIRECTORY

This directory is certainly not complete, but I hope it will draw enough suggestions to make a nearly complete directory possible in the future. It was compiled from a questionnaire sent to colleagues I already knew, and to a few additional people who responded to a notice of intent published in the History of Science Newsletter and Asian Studies Newsletter. The only criterion was active engagement in study of the documents of traditional Chinese science, or of very closely related topics. Mr. Park's study of Korean portent literature, for instance, is bound to throw light on

Chinese astrology. The characterizations of work and interests are in the words of the respondents themselves, within the limits of legibility and the need for minor editing. In a couple of cases the entries had to be compiled from information I already had; these are marked with an asterisk after the person's name. The initial inquiries were sent out a year ago; publication of the directory had to be postponed because not enough replies had been received by the time I left for a period of study in the Far East. I have posted changes that have come to my attention, but time has not permitted a new verification of every entry. My apologies for any information that is out of date.

I will be extremely grateful for the names and addresses of anyone who should have been included in this directory. I hope that Chinese Science will become part of our shared enterprise, and that you will freely draw from it and contribute to it.

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