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Preface

The present volume contains seven chapters, five of which deal with aspects of specific ring systems: 4-oxy- and 4-keto-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines (J. M. Bobbitt), the oxidation products of pyrroles (G. P. Gardini), the pyrindines (4- and 5-azaindenes) (F. Freeman), the NMR spectra of indoles (S. P. Hiremath and R. S. Hosmane), and the 1,2-benzisothiazole-*S*-dioxides—(saccharin and its derivatives) (H. Hettler). In the general field of heterocyclic chemistry, hydrogen exchange reactions, mainly on metal surfaces, are dealt with (G. E. Calf and J. L. Garnett), and the remaining chapter is a systematic review of heterocyclic oligomers (A. Albert and H. Yamamoto). The volume is dedicated to Professor Adrien Albert, and this Preface is followed by a brief biography and bibliography.

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Dedication—Professor Adrien Albert

This volume is dedicated to Adrien Albert to mark the occasion of his retirement as Head of the Department of Medical Chemistry of the John Curtin School of Medical Research, Australian National University, Canberra.

Adrien Albert is known by reputation to every heterocyclic chemist, and, happily, by many in person. His papers and books have had a decisive influence on the subject, and the marks of his teaching and research are deep-rooted. He has been a particular friend of these *Advances* having served on the Advisory Board since its inception. All heterocyclic chemists will wish him well in the new phase of his career now beginning.

Biographical Note (kindly supplied by Dr. Desmond J. Brown).

Adrien Albert was born in Sydney on November 19, 1907; he received his early education at the Scots College, Rose Bay, New South Wales; and then went on to the University of Sydney from which he graduated B.Sc. with First Class Honours and the University Medal in 1932. He proceeded to the faculty of medicine in the University of London where he obtained his Ph.D. in 1937. He was awarded the degree of D.Sc. from the University of London in 1947.

During the years 1938–1947 he taught at the University of Sydney where his research was supported by the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council. He became a Research Fellow at the Wellcome Research Institution in London from 1947 to 1948 and he also acted as advisor on medical chemistry to the Medical Directorate of the Australian Army from 1942 to 1947.

In 1948 he took up the position of Professor and Head of Department of Medical Chemistry of the John Curtin School of Medical Research, Australian National University and he was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 1958.

He retired at the end of 1972 from his Chair at Canberra and now occupies a Visiting Fellowship in the Research School of Chemistry of the Australian National University. His recreations include music, photography and the Australian flora.

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