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The present volume presents a departure from our usual procedure, since in addition to the comprehensive reviews by Frank D. Mango, H. Morawetz, and Duane L. Rohlfing and Sidney W. Fox, it contains seven chapters based on papers given at a recent symposium and therefore partakes more of the character of accounts of personal research.

The Symposium, entitled The Ipatieff Centenary Symposium, was organised by Professor H. Pines at Evanston in September, 1967. Vladimir Nikolaevich Ipatieff lived from 1867 to 1952 and a short obituary notice by one of his pupils and a previous editor of these Advances, V. I. Komarevsky, will be found in Volume 5. Articles by Ipatieff with his colleage Louis Schmerling will be found in Volumes 1 and 2. Ipatieff's influence on catalysis, both academic and industrial, has been profound. In his day he helped to emphasize in a healthy fashion the chemical aspects of the subject at a time when physical investigations, inspired by the contribution of Irvin Langmuir, would otherwise have been dominant. His interest in the aluminum halides surely followed on the classical Russian tradition established by Menschutkin and others shortly after the original discoveries of Friedel and Crafts. In the present group of Symposium papers that by Germain and Blanchard lies closest to Ipatieff's field of interests. Although the contributions vary in length, and while some lay emphasis on generalization while others are concerned with specific contributions, together they contribute a valuable cross section of modern activity in catalysis, drawn from the USA, France, and Japan.

The review article by Frank D. Mango emphasizes a new aspect of reactivity that has been developed recently from theoretical organic chemistry. The articles by Morawetz and Rohlfing and Fox are concerned with models for enzyme catalysis, a rapidly growing field of academic and industrial interest.

It is our hope that every catalytic chemist will find one chapter of specific interest in this volume. Also, if his eye should stray over the

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other articles, he may find stimulating analogies for his own field. After all, the results of x-ray diffraction reveal that active sites on enzymes are often in pits rather than on promontaries and analogies may therefore be drawn between enzymes and zeolites. If one cuts down a supported metal crystallite sufficiently one ends up with a single metal atom, presumably chelated as in metalloenzymes. The interaction of gases with chromia on nickel oxide, and also with electron donor-acceptor complexes, may be discussed in terms of semiconductor band theory, which in turn may be related to some aspects of enzyme behavior. These are just some of the analogies which may be drawn between the apparently widely spaced articles in the present volume.

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