

Preface

This Report, the eighth in the series, covers the literature available to us between mid-January 1974 and mid-January 1975. Strenuous efforts have been made to limit the size of this Report, in order to combat the rise in price of successive Reports in this series, but without prejudice to the type of literature coverage normally achieved.

As has been our policy in previous years, *Abstracts of the American Chemical Society Meetings*, *Dissertation Abstracts*, and the patent literature have not been abstracted. The abbreviation 'Bn' is again used throughout to denote the benzyl group.

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