

Preface

These Reports cover the period April 1978 to March 1980 inclusive, except in the case of Chapter 2 Part III, where the period ends in February 1980.

The major changes in the format and contents of this volume have been necessitated by economic considerations. Sulphur-containing heteroaromatic compounds which previously were included in these Reports and in the Reports on 'Aromatic and Heteroaromatic Chemistry' are now covered in detail only in the new Reports, 'Heterocyclic Chemistry'. The literature on these compounds has been reviewed up to March 1978 in Volume 5 of this series and thereafter in Volume 1 of the new series. Highlights of the literature of these compounds are given as Chapter 6 of this volume. The organization of the remainder of this volume is essentially the same as that of Volume 5 except that the section on the ylides and carbanionic compounds of selenium and tellurium has been considerably extended and the coverage of Chapter 3, Part III has been extended to include dithiocarbamates, xanthates, and trithiocarbonates.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to the contributors to this volume for all the care and effort they have put into their Reports. This has, of course, made my own task much less onerous than it could have been.

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