

EDITOR'S FOREWORD

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Its publication in this journal, although delayed beyond the date originally projected, is of particular significance because of the fundamental interest of the topics presented. Time limitations have precluded bringing manuscripts fully up to date, but bibliographical citations for work in progress have been supplied through 1958 wherever authors were able to provide such information.

Participation in the Symposium did not impose upon the contributors strict uniformity in presentation, order of material, or nomenclature. Accordingly, for purposes of publication these diversities remain. Special problems raised by variations in the names of compounds, of techniques and of apparatus will be evident. Differences in nomenclature may, indeed, emphasize an ever-present need within the medical sciences for continued efforts toward a common usage.

For recent information on designations of optical configuration, readers are referred to an article by P. Pratesi, A. La Manna, A. Campiglio and V. Ghizlandi entitled "The configuration of adrenaline and of its *p*-hydroxyphenyl analogue" in the *Journal of the Chemical Society* 1958: 2069.

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