

alkyl side chain. The resulting product melted at  $91^{\circ}$ , which corresponds to that of the product isolated by JONES AND ROBSON<sup>3</sup> and designated as the 6-methylol of tetrahydro-anacardol. The crystalline methylol derivative obtained would therefore be 6-methylol-cardanol.

Thus, thin-layer chromatography shows signs of usefulness in these investigations. Further work on this subject is in progress.

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#### BOOK REVIEWS

*Progress in Industrial Gas Chromatography*, edited by H. A. SZYMANSKI, Plenum Press, Inc., New York, 1961, price \$ 10.00.

The title of this volume is very misleading, because this book does not deal with the developments and applications of gas chromatography for industrial purposes, but is a collection of the proceedings of the advanced sessions of the annual Gas Chromatography Institute held at Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y., in 1961, where some aspects of gas chromatography have been discussed from a practical point of view.

The volume consists of twelve reports and a summary of the panel discussion dealing with instrumentation and operating technics of gas chromatography. Most of the contributions are not original, but are reviews on topics that are already available in specialized books. The majority of the authors, who are connected with firms manufacturing gas-chromatography apparatus, treat the subjects with competence and clarity. Some contributions are, however, only short recommendations on certain subjects. For instance, one paper on the use of chromatography for analysis of odors, flavors and air pollution consists of only four pages and does not contain a single reference. Since this book, according to the advertising flap, should keep "a scientist working in this field abreast of the latest developments", it seems that, at least in this field, the aim of the editors has not been reached.

The reviewer is very doubtful about the aims of publishers who issue volumes of the proceedings of a meeting as progress in a certain field. Unless these meetings have been well organized and the papers carefully selected overlapping of subjects usually occurs and the scientific and technical level of the various papers will not be the same; these remarks certainly apply to this volume.

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