0; 0.5; 1; 1.5; 2; 2.5; 3; 3.5; 4). A thermoelectric cell was constructed, which works automatically between 14 and 320 K with a precision better than 5%. For high concentrations in selenium, the thermoelectric power remains negative over the whole temperature range. Such is not the case with tellurium-rich compounds where the Seebeck coefficient, negative at 320 K, becomes positive at lower temperatures. Anomalies are observed on the S = f(T) curves at temperatures T_t in the vicinity of the magnetic transitions. Transport properties for selenium-rich compounds are discussed in terms of narrow-band conduction. Hole conduction, which appears for $x \ge 3$ at low temperature, is interpreted as due to an overlapping band conduction between 3d levels and the valence band.

About Stannous Fluoride SnF₂. III. Thermal Expansion. G. DENES, Laboratoire de Chimie Minérale D, Université de Rennes I, 35042 Rennes Cédex, France. The unit cell parameters of SnF₂ were measured from -200 to 190°C. The tensor of thermal expansion of the three phases (α , β , and γ) was computed from the expansion in each (h k l) direction by a least-squares method. The thermal expansion of each phase is related to its crystal structure and physical properties (molecular structure of α SnF₂, ferroelastic properties of the β -phase).

Phase Equilibria of the Oxide-Hydroxide-Halide Systems of Sm, Eu, and Gd. The Crystal Structure of $Gd_3O(OH)_5Br_2$. EDWARD T. LANCE-GOMEZ* AND JOHN M. HASCHKE, Procter and Gamble Company, Winton Hill Technical Centers, 6060 Center Hill Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224. An investigation of hydrothermal phase equilibria in the halide-containing (Cl, Br, I) systems of Sm, Eu, and Gd has shown that diversities in behavior occur across the lanthanide (*Ln*) series and within the halide group. In the chloride systems, the trihydroxide, two phases at a Cl/*Ln* ratio of 0.4 and *Ln*(OH)₂Cl phases are found. Equilibria in the bromide systems are more complex; *Ln*(OH)₃, *Ln*₇(OH)₁₈Br₃, a high-temperature phase at Br/*Ln* = 0.45, *Ln*₃O(OH)₅Br₂, and *Ln*(OH)₂Br are observed. A single iodide-containing phase, *Ln*(OH)_{2.67}I_{0.33} is found. X-Ray diffraction data are reported for all the previously unreported phases and the thermal decomposition behavior of representative phases is described. The results of a single crystal X-ray structure determination of orthorhombic (*Pmmn*) Gd₂O(OH)₅Br₂ are reported and discussed.

Neutron Powder Diffraction and Magnetic Measurements on CsMnI₃. H. W. ZANDBERGEN, Gorlaeus Laboratories, University of Leiden, P.O. Box 9502, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands. Results of neutron powder diffraction and magnetic measurements on single crystals of CsMnI₃ are reported. Three-dimensional ordering takes places at $T_c = 11.1(3)$ K. Above T_c very broad peaks occur in the neutron powder diffraction diagram, indicating one-dimensional correlations along the chain. Below T_c the Mn²⁺ ions are coupled antiferromagnetically along the chain. Interchain exchange leads to a 120° structure, slightly distorted due to anisotropy. One-third of the chains have their magnetic moment parallel to the *c* axis and the rest of the chains have magnetic moments making an angle of 50(2)° with the *c* axis. The magnetic moment as found from neutron diffraction extrapolated to 0 K is 3.7(1) μ_B , indicating a considerable zero-point spin reduction. The intrachain exchange J/k was found to be -9.1(1) K, whereas the ratio of the inter- to intrachain interaction was determined as $|J'/J| = 5 \times 10^{-3}$. A spin flop occurs at H = 54 kOe on application of a magnetic field parallel to the *x* axis. When a field perpendicular to the *c* axis is applied a spin reorientation occurs at 1 kOe.

Phase Transition in the Family $La_x Bi_{4-x} Ti_3 O_{12}$ in Relation to Lattice Symmetry and Distortion. MASAII SHIMAZU^{*}, JUNZO TANAKA, KUNITAKA MURAMATSU, AND MASAYUKI TSUKIOKA, National Institute for Research in Inorganic Materials, Sakura-mura, Niihari-gun, Ibaraki 305, Japan. The ferroelectric phase transition in the family $La_x Bi_{4-x} Ti_3 O_{12}$ was investigated by X-ray diffractometry and differential scanning calorimetry. The crystal symmetry is orthorhombic in the range $1 > x \ge 0$ and tetragonal in $x \ge 1$. It was found that the shift of the phase transition temperature is closely related to crystallographic symmetry and lattice distortion. (1) As the value of x increases, the ratio of lattice parameters, a/b, decreases toward 1. (2) In the range $1 > x \ge 0$, the lattice distortion increases with increase of x; just before x exceeds about 1, the distortion reaches a maximum. (3) As x exceeds about 1, the distortion decreases distinctively. (4) In the orthorhomic region, the phase-transition temperature decreases with increase of x. (5) In the tetragonal region, the transition does not occur. (6) The relation of transition temperature T to x is represented by a nonlinear function.

Heat Capacity Measurements of $Mn_xFe_{3-x}O_4$. KEIJI NAITO*, HIDEAKI INABA, AND HARUYOSHI YAGI, Department of Nuclear Engineering, Nagoya University, Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya,