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134. Quinoxaline Cyanines. Part IV. Some Halogenated Styryl Derivatives.

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Three halogenated analogues of p-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde have been prepared and converted into styryl dyes by condensation with quaternary salts and other systems containing reactive methyl or methylene groups. Quinoxaline and hydroxyquinoxaline representatives recall the derivatives of dimethylaminobenzaldehyde in their intense blue colour.

IN Parts I and II (J., 1942, 710; 1943, 394) of this series there is described the condensation of quinoxalines and hydroxyquinoxalines with p-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde. B.P. 456,534 describes the preparation of some p-chloroalkylaminobenzaldehydes, and their condensation with reactive methyl or methylene groups is mentioned in B.P. 458,405. The halogen atoms in the resulting condensation products were stated to improve the shade and dyeing properties, and in view of the potential interest of quinoxaline dyes previously described for application to textiles, the preparation of p-methyl- β -chloroethyl- (Ia), p-ethyl- β -chloroethyl- (Ib), and p-di- β -chloroethyl-aminobenzaldehyde (Ic) was undertaken, and their condensation with typical quinoxaline quaternary salts studied. The opportunity was also taken to prepare for comparative purposes condensation products between these aldehydes and other typical cyanine components.

The aldehydes were obtained from methyl- or ethyl-aniline or aniline itself by introducing one or two N-hydroxyethyl groups; by using ethylene chlorohydrin in presence of magnesium oxide, formation of phenyl-morpholine and other by-products was largely avoided. Chloroethylanilines resulted on treating the hydroxy-

ethyl derivatives with thionyl chloride, and the aldehyde groups were introduced with formomethylanilide and phosphorus oxychloride.



These aldehydes behaved like dimethylaminobenzaldehyde but were generally less reactive. For instance, condensation with cyanoacetic acid or ester in alcoholic solution with a basic catalyst gave yellow-orange dyes (IIa), and red dyes (IIb) were obtained by condensation with 1-phenyl-3-methyl-5-pyrazolone. Further, redbrown dyes (IIc) were formed by reaction with thioindoxyls in boiling acetic anhydride solution. Condensation with quaternary salts of α -picoline, quinaldine, 2-methylbenzthiazole, 2:3:3-trimethylindolenine, and 2-methyl-3: 4-dihydroquinazolone in acetic anhydride, or ethanol containing piperidine afforded the corresponding styryl dyes in good yields. With quaternary salts of 2: 3-dimethylquinoxaline, however, reaction was often effected cleanly in chloroform or tetrachloroethane containing molecular quantities of pyridine and acetic anhydride; the use of mixtures of pyridine and acetic anhydride alone was disappointing, although it was very effective with dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (cf. Part I); it appeared that the present dyes were still less stable or less readily formed in such media than those described earlier. Finally, condensation with 2-methyl-3-keto-3: 4-dihydroquinoxaline and its derivatives * after previous quaternisation with methyl sulphate was effected in acetic anhydride containing a little pyridine; more of the basic catalyst gave obviously different products which were only coloured in solution in mineral acid.

Most of the dyes so prepared were markedly less soluble in the common solvents than the similar dyes derived from p-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde; in particular, the methiodides of some of the phenyl-substituted quinoxaline derivatives had only a slight solubility in water. The strong bathochromic influence of the quinoxaline system was again well marked, but spectrometric comparison of representative quinoxaline dyes revealed no significant differences in the shape of the absorption curves or in the positions of the absorption maxima. There were irregular differences in the intensity of absorption but these were probably solvent effects and were insufficient to produce any considerable change of shade. It seems therefore that the strong bathochromic influence of the quinoxaline system masks the effect of the halogen atoms which appears in other dyes.

EXPERIMENTAL.

p-Methyl-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde.—Methyl-β-hydroxyethylaniline (Laun, Ber., 1884, 17, 676) (200 g.) in benzene (200 c.c.) was treated gradually with phosphorus oxychloride (60 c.c.), reaction being completed on the steam-bath for 1 hour. The cold product was poured into water (500 c.c.), treated with a slight excess of sodium hydroxide, and the oil extracted with benzene. Distillation, eventually in a vacuum, gave methyl- β -chloroethylaniline as an oil, b. p. 130°/14 mm. (yield, 190 g.) (Found : Cl, 20.9. Calc. for C₉H₁₂NCl : Cl, 20.9%) (cf. Clemo and Perkin, J., 1922, **121**, 642). Phosphorus oxychloride (220 c.c.) was added to a mixture of formomethylanilide (320 g.) and benzene (100 c.c.); after being stirred for 1 hr., the mixture was kept at 0° during addition of methyl- β -chloroethylaniline (190 g.) diluted with an equal volume of benzene. Finally, after being heated at 30—35° for 4 hrs., the mixture was poured on ice, and the solution neutralised with sodium hydroxide. From the extract, benzene and methylaniline were removed in a rapid current of steam, and the remaining *aldehyde* (70 g.) recrystallised from methanol; it had m. p. 70° (Found : C, 60·9; H, 6·0; N, 7·1. C₁₀H₁₂ONCl requires C, 60·7; H, 6·1; N, 7·1%). p-*Ethyl-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde*.—Ethyl-β-hydroxyethylaniline (180 g.; b. p. 151°/14 mm.) was treated as its homologue in the preceding preparation .Ethyl-β-chloroethylaniline (170 g.) was obtained as an oil, b. p. 133°/14 mm.

Including the interpretenting preparation ".Ethyl-p-choroethylamine" (170 g.) was obtained as all on, b. p. 153 / 14 min. The aldehyde (80 g.) was a very viscous liquid which did not solidify; it had b. p. 162° (0.02 mm., or 95° in a high vacuum, and could only be distilled without decomposition at low pressure (Found: N, 6·9. C₁₁H₁₄ONCl requires N, 6·6%). The semicarbazone recrystallised from pyridine; m. p. 201° (Found: Cl, 13·0. Cl₁₂H₁₄ON₄Cl requires Cl, 13·2%). p-Di-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde.—Aniline (1 g.-mol.) and ethylene chlorohydrin (1 g.-mol.), treated as in previous preparations (Knorr, Ber, 1889, 22, 2092), gave β-hydroxyethylaniline (0·9 g.-mol.), b. p. 185°/14 mm., which on further treatment with a molecular quantity of ethylene chlorohydrin gave di-β-hydroxyethylaniline (0·8 g.-mol.). The reaction could be carried out in one stage if its difficultly controllable nature and formation of "diethylene dianiline," m. p. 164°, was an effectively of the preparation of the performance of the perfor could be carried out in one stage if its difficultly controllable nature and formation of "diethylene dianiline," m. p. 164°, were mitigated by stirring with 1 equiv. of magnesium oxide. Di- β -hydroxyethylaniline crystallised from benzene and had m. p. 59° (Found : C, 66.4; H, 8.3. Calc. for $C_{10}H_{18}O_2N$: C, 66.6; H, 8.4%). Di- β -chloroethylaniline was obtained in the usual way in almost theoretical yield; it distilled at 181°/14 mm. and, recrystallised from methanol, had m. p. 49°; Robinson and Watt (J., 1934, 1536) give m. p. 45° (Found : Cl, 32.6. Calc. for $C_{10}H_{13}NCl_2$: Cl, 32.6%). p-Di- β -chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde was prepared (yield, 70%) from the aniline in the usual manner. It crystallised from ethanol and had m. p. 88.5° (Found : N, 5.55; Cl, 28.2. C₁₁H₂₈ONCl₂ requires N, 5.7; Cl, 28.8%). Condensations with Ethyl Cyanoacetate.—p-Methyl- β -chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (7.7 g.) was boiled for 4 hrs. with ethanol (50 c.c.), ethyl cyanoacetate (5.0 g.), and piperidine (3 drops), and then cooled to 0°. Ethyl p-methyl- β -chloroethylaminobenzylidenecyanoacetate (11 g.) was filtered off, and recrystallised from ethanol, forming yellow micro-scopic needles, m. p. 105° (Found : N, 9.4. Cl₃H₁₄O₂N₂Cl requires N, 9.5%). Ethyl p-ethyl- β -chloroethylaminobenzyl-idenecyanoacetate was prepared in the same way; it formed a yellow microcrystalline deposit, m. p. 124°, from ethanol (Found : N, 8.9. Clath₁₉O₂N₂Cl requires N, 9.1%). Condensations with 1-Phenyl-3-methyl-5-pyrazolone.—The pyrazolone (5 g.) was refluxed with p-methyl- β -chloro-ethylaminobenzylidene-5-pyrazolone separated on cooling; it crystallised from acetic acid in red needles, m. p. 154° (Found : N, 12.0. C₂₀H₂₀ON₃Cl requires N, 11.9%). The 4-p-ethyl compound, prepared in the same way, formed * Patent anplication pending

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red needles, m. p. 117°, from acetic acid (Found: N, 11-5. C_{s1}H_{s2}ON_sCl requires N, 11-4%); and the 4-p-di-β-chloro-ethylamino-analogue, similarly obtained from p-di-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (7-1 g.) and the pyrazolone (5 g.), formed red needles, m. p. 167°, from acetic acid (Found: N, 10-5. C_{s2}H_{s2}ON_sCl₃ requires N, 10-45%). Condensations with Indoxyls.—6-Ethoxythioindoxyl (3 g.) and p-methyl-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (3 g.)
were dissolved in ethanol (50 c.c.) with concentrated hydrochloric acid (3 c.c.), and the solution refluxed for 1 hr. After cooling, the reddish-brown crystals were recrystallised from benzene or acetic acid. 6-Ethoxy-2-p-methyl-β-chloroethyl-aminobenzylidenthioindoxyl had m. p. 152° (yield, 3-5 g.) (Found: N, 3-5; Cl, 9-9. C_{ab}H_{a0}O_bNSCl requires N, 3-5; Cl, 9-5%). 6-Chloro-4-methylthioindoxyl (4 g.) and p-di-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (5 g.) were refluxed for 1 hr. with acetic anhydride (50 c.c.); on cooling 6-chloro-4-methyl-2-p-di-β-chloroethylaminobenzylidenethioindoxyl (5-2 g.)
separated; it was filtered off, washed with acetic acid, and recrystallised from anisole, forming red prisms, m. p. 191° (Found: N, 3-3; Cl, 24-3. C₂₉H₁₄ONClS requires N, 3-3; Cl, 25-0%). Condensations with a-Picoline Ethiodide.—P-Ethyl-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (7 g.) was refluxed in ethanol (50 c.c.) with a-picoline ethiodide (7 g.) and piperidine (3 drops) for 4 hrs. 2-p-Ethyl-β-chloroethylaminostyrylbyridine ethiodide (8 g.), crystallised on cooling and was recrystallised from ethanol; it formed red eneedles, m. p. 154° (Found : N, 6-55. Cl₁₉H₄₂N₄Cl requires N, 6-35. 0. 1795.G. gave 0.1533 g. of mixed silver halides. Cl₁₉H₄₂N₂Cl₄ requires 0.1560 G.
p-Di-β-chloroethylaminoberzaldehyde (8 g.), a-picoline ethiodide (8 g.), piperidine (2 c.), and ethanol (50 c.c.) were refluxed for 3 hrs., and so much dye had then crystallised that bo

10% aqueous sodium iodide (300 c.c.), the whole cooled to 0° overnight, and the dye collected. 2-p-Ethyl- β -chloroethyl-aminostyrylbenzthiazole methiodide, after several crystallisations from ethanol, formed brownish-red needles (3 g.), m. p. 198° (decomp.) (Found : N, 5.5. $C_{20}H_{22}N_2SCII$ requires N, 5.8%. 0.1431 G. gave 0.1134 g. of mixed halides.

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Condensations with 2: 3: 3-Trimethylindolenine Methiodide.—The iodide (3 g.) and p-methyl-β-chloroethylamino-benzaldehyde (2 g.) were refuxed in ethanol (30 c.c.) containing piperidine (3 drops) for 4 hrs, and the dark red solution poured into 10% sodium iodide solution (300 c.c.). After keeping at 0°, the dye was washed with ether and them with water, and finally crystallised several times from 60% ethanol. 2-p-Methyl-β-chloroethylaminostryrl-3: 3-dimethyl-indolenine methiodide (2 g.) formed red needles with a green sheen, m. p. 148° (Found : N, 5-6. C₂₈H₂₈N₂CU requires 0.1124 g.). The indolenine methiodide (3 drops). The crude dye was asled out with 400 c.c. of 10% sodium iodide, dissolved in chloroform, and the solution filtered and precipitated with 10 vols. of ether. 2-p-Di-β-chloroethylaminostryrl-3: 3-dimethylindolenine methiodide (3 drops). The crude dye was asled out with 400 c.c. of 10% sodium iodide, dissolver 10.16%, 5-0. C₂₈H₂₉N₂CLI requires N, 5-3%. 0.1139 G. gave 0.1118 g. of mixed silver halides. C₂₉H₂₉N₂CLI requires 0.116 g.)
2-Methyl-3: 4-dihydroquinazolone methiodide (3-6 g.) and p-methyl-β-chloroethylaminostryrl-3: 3-dimethylindolenine methiodide to 10.45 - 100° (decomp.) (Found : N, 8-5. C₂₉H₂₉N₂CLI requires 0.87%. 0.1106 G. gave 0.0878 g. of mixed silver halides. C₂₉H₂₉N₂Cl (decomp.) (Found : N, 8-5. C₂₉H₂₉N₂ClI requires 0.87%. 0.1106 G. gave 0.0878 g. of mixed silver halides. C₂₉H₂₉N₂Cl (decomp.) (Found : N, 8-5. C₂₉H₂₉N₂ClI requires N, 8-7%. 0.1106 G. gave 0.0878 g. of mixed silver halides. C₂₉H₂₉N₂Cl (decomp.) (Fo absorption (ethanol) : max. 6200 A.

Condensations with 2-Methyl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone.-The quinoxalone (4 g.) was heated with methyl sulphate (9 g.) for 10 mins. at 140°, the product cooled, and excess of methyl sulphate removed by washing with ether. To the Tesidue, acetic anhydride (30 c.c.) was added, followed by *p*-methyl-*β*-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (5 g.) and pyridine (1 c.c.). The solution was heated to boiling, cooled, and the dye precipitated with ether (300 c.c.). The solid was taken up in ethanol, salted out by pouring into 10 vols. of aqueous 10% sodium iodide solution, and the resulting dye (8.5 g.) crystallised from 60% formic acid, affording fine green needles. 2-p-Methyl-β-chloroethylaminostyryl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone methiodide had m. p. 214° (decomp.) and gave intensely blue solutions (Found: C, 49.4; H, 4.2. $C_{20}H_{21}N_3CII$ requires C, 49.8; H, 4.4%. 0.1378 G. gave 0.1099 g. of mixed silver halides. $C_{20}H_{21}N_3CII$ requires 0.1083 g.). Light absorption (ethanol): max. 6900 A. The quinoxalone (7 g.) was made into a paste with methyl sulphate (15 g.) and heated for 10 mins. at 140°. The product was dissolved in acetic anhydride (30 c.c.), treated with di-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (10 g.) in the same solvent (30 c.c.), and the whole boiled for 15 mins. The solution was cooled, poured into water (600 c.c.), and the solid extracted with boiling acetic acid; the undissolved residue had no dyeing properties, and the crystalline deposit (2.5 g.) from the acetic acid contained two constituents separated by fractional crystallisation from ethanol. The less soluble 2-p-di-β-chleroethylaminostyryl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone methosulphate separated as a dark blue, microcrystalline powder with a green lustre, m. p. 198° (Found : N, 8.05; Cl, 14.2. $C_{22}H_{25}O_5N_3Cl_2S$ requires N, 8.15; Cl, 13.8%). Light absorption (ethanol): max. 6000 A. The second constituent, possibly the dimethosulphate of the same cyanine base, separated in blue needles, m. p. 146° (Found : N, 6.3, 6.4. $C_{24}H_{21}O_5N_3C_2C_1$, requires N, 8.5%).

fractional crystallisation from ethanol. The less soluble 2-p-di-β-chleroethylaminostyryl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone methosulphate separated as a dark blue, microcrystalline powder with a green lustre, m. p. 198° (Found: N, 8·05; Cl, 14·2. C₂₂H₂₅O₅N₃Cl₂S requires N, 8·15; Cl, 13·8%). Light absorption (ethanol): max. 6000 A. The second constituent, possibly the dimethosulphate of the same cyanine base, separated in blue needles, m. p. 146° (Found: N, 6·3, 6·4. C₂₄H₃₁O₉N₃S₂Cl₂ requires N, 6·55%). Condensations with 2: 4-Dimethyl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone.—The quinoxalone (1·8 g.) was quaternised with methyl sulphate (1·3 g.) at 140° for 10 mins., the product dissolved in acetic anhydride (10 c.c.), and a solution of p-methylβ-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (2 g.) in the same solvent (10 c.c.) added. The whole was boiled under reflux for 5 mins., cooled, and poured into 10% aqueous sodium iodide (200 c.c.). 2-p-Methyl-β-chloroethylaminostyryl-4-methyl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone methiodide (2 g.) was filtered off and crystallised from ethanol; it had m. p. 161° (Found : N, 8·7. C₂₁H₂₃ON₃ClI requires N, 8·5%. O:1466 G. gave 0·1092 g. of silver halides. C₂₁H₂₃ON₃ClI requires 0·1119 g.). Light absorption (ethanol): max. 6170 A. The quinoxalone (8 g.) was quaternised with methyl sulphate (6 g.) as above, the product dissolved in acetic anhydride (40 c.c.), and p-di-β-chloroethylaminobenzaldehyde (12 g.) in pyridine (20 c.c.) added. The whole was boiled for 5 mins., poured into water (400 c.c.), and the dye salted out with sodium chloride; it was crystallised from acetic acid, or from ethanol in which it was less soluble; 2-di-β-chloroethylaminostyryl-4-methyl-9·3; Cl, 23·6%). Light absorption (ethanol): max. 5750 A.

Condensations with 4-Phenyl-2-methyl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone.—Methyl sulphate (2.5 g.) and the quinoxalone (5 g.) were heated to 140° for 20 mins., the product taken up in acetic anhydride (30 c.c.), a solution of p-methyl- β -chloro-ethylaminobenzaldehyde (4.5 g.) in acetic anhydride (10 c.c.) added, and the whole heated under reflux for 15 mins.; the mixture was then poured into water (400 c.c.), and the solid was filtered off. 4-Phenyl-2-p-methyl- β -chloroethyl-aminostyryl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone methosulphate crystallised from ethanol and had m. p. 189° (decomp.) (Found : Cl, 6.65. $C_{27}H_{28}O_5N_3$ SCl requires Cl, 6.55%). Light absorption (ethanol): max. 6200 A. 4-Phenyl-2-p-di- β -chloroethylaminostyryl-3: 4-dihydro-3-quinoxalone methosulphate, prepared similarly, crystallised from ethanol and had m. p. 170° (decomp.) (Found : N, 7.4; Cl, 12.3. $C_{28}H_{29}O_5N_3Cl_2S$ requires N, 7.1; Cl, 12.0%). Light absorption (ethanol):

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