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Introduction

This issue collects a number of papers concerned with the synthesis and applications of polymeric reagents. Most of the papers were presented at a Symposium on "Polymers as Chemical Reagents" that was held at the 164th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in New York, August 1972. The other papers were solicited by this writer.

The field represented by the papers included herein is broad and fertile. It includes ion- and electron-exchange resins, resins for use in chromatographic applications, resins for solid phase synthesis applications, resins with catalytic activity, and resins useful as specific reagents. Many of the contributors to this issue are organic chemists or biochemists. It is indicative of the potential significance of this field that they, rather than polymer chemists, have done much of the initial spading.

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