

BOOK REVIEW

Electron Spin Resonance of Metal Complexes; edited by Teh Fu Yen, Plenum Press, New York, 1969, 204 pages, £8.40 (\$17.50)

This volume consists mainly of papers presented at a "Symposium on E.S.R. of metal chelates" held in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 4th 1968: there are nine such papers, each in a form suitable for publication in a standard journal. In addition there are three similar contributions which were specially invited for publication in the book. No discussion of the papers is included, which is a pity since it might have given some point to this publication. The contents are spread out over 204 pages, but are probably equivalent to about forty pages of the "Journal of Chemical Physics"; if the information in this book is worth £8.40, an average edition of that journal is worth about ten times as much. This is an extremely expensive method of presenting information which should be, and in some cases already is, available in the regular journals. Even well endowed libraries should consider seriously before purchasing a copy.

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