

*Hydrolysis of 2,2'-bis(trimethylsiloxy)-3,5,3',5'-tetra-tert-butylidiphenyl, III.* 0.2 g of III was dissolved in 25 ml of 2 M sodium methoxide in methanol. After standing for 1-h the solution was diluted with a large excess of water, extracted with petroleum ether and the extract dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the residue was recrystallized from water-methanol. 0.12 g (80%) 2,2'-dihydroxy-3,5,3',5'-tetra-tert-butylidiphenyl, m.p. 190–192° (literature, m.p. 194.5–195.5°)<sup>2</sup> were obtained. No depression of melting temperature was shown by a mixed sample with the known substance.

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*Annual Surveys of Organometallic Chemistry, Volume 2 (covering the year 1965)*, by D. SEYFERTH AND R. B. KING, Elsevier Publishing Company, Amsterdam, 1966, pp. xv+424, \$20.—, £5.10.0, D.fl.55.—.

When the first volume of this series, covering the year 1964, appeared, Professor J. Chatt, wrote that it was the first new chemistry periodical he had welcomed in twenty years (*J. Organometal. Chem.*, 6 (1966) 444). All the other organometallic chemists whose views are known to your reviewer also received it with enthusiasm, and authors in other fields of chemistry have been quick to follow the precedent. It is reasonably safe to predict that there will be at least ten such annual surveys of specialized branches of chemistry within five years.

There is little which need be said about this second volume except that it is impressively comprehensive, that it is indispensable to anyone working in the field of organometallic chemistry, and that it was produced with considerable speed at an acceptable cost in appearance of the pages of text. Organometallic chemists can only hope that Drs. Seyferth and King will keep up their most valuable work.

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