colourless and of fishy odour."

The nonbiochemical community will obtain limited information on this discipline from Kingzett's. Antibiotics appear to be well-covered, even to the point of listing more than 40 trade names under Benzylpenicillin. Enzymes and coenzymes are covered in slightly more than three pages without reference to modern enzyme classification. Vitamins occupy the same amount of space. A few other special entries appear; for example, Pasteur Effect.

One must recognize that it is not possible to give full coverage to all subjects which could be listed appropriately in Kingzett's. The authors have compiled a fine volume, which will be found useful, especially by industrialists and occasionally by specialists in the different areas of chemistry.

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HANDBOOK OF ULTRAVIOLET AND VISIBLE ABSORPTION SPECTRA OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS by Kenzo Hirayama (Plenum Press Data Division, New York, 642 p, 1967, $40).

This handbook is a compilation of the visible and ultraviolet absorption maxima of approximately 8450 organic compounds. Neither theory nor the interpretation of spectral data is discussed. A chemist interested in organic structure analysis would find this book to be most useful.

The book is divided into two main sections. The first section is a table from which the absorption maxima can be found if the chemical structure is known. The second section is a reverse index of the first section. It is a table of absorbing systems corresponding to the wavelengths of absorption maxima. Included in the data to be found in these tables are wavelength, maximum absorbance, log extinction, coefficient, solvent used, and literature reference to the spectra of approximately 1400 of the 8450 compounds.

The tables are not arranged alphabetically, but are arranged either according to the chromophor present or the structure of the compound. Problems of nomenclature are not encountered; however, an elaborate notation system must be understood before rapid and efficient use of the tables can be achieved.

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# Standardization Seminar To Be Held by ASTM

A Seminar on Standardization will be held at ASTM Headquarters in Philadelphia, April 16–17, 1968, covering the basic principles of standardization in a series of four lectures and discussion groups.

# Houston Sponsors Pollution Control Conference

## Water and Air Pollution Under Study

The nation's first all-encompassing Pollution Control Exposition and Conference was announced recently by its sponsor, the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting is set for April 3–5, 1968, in the Astrohall, next to the famous Astrodome in Houston, Texas.

All phases of water and air pollution will be treated in the combined exposition and conference. The show will be devoted both to exhibits by manufacturers of pollution control equipment throughout the United States and to a three-day conference featuring experts in the field from government and industry.

Among the many speakers representing industry and government will be James Quigley, commissioner of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, Department of the Interior.

PACE Management, at 4710 Greeley St., Houston, Texas 77006, A. C. 713, will provide additional information upon request.