Phytochemistry will not be limited to the most recent advances in any area. But in spite of this difference of stated objective, a perusal of the contents indicates that there is a danger of excessive overlap among these two new series, the older British series, and the Annual Review of Plant Physiology. I hope that the freedom from the restrictions of a symposium will permit this Progress series to continue reviewing less popular areas such as lichen chemistry.

In general, the content and tabular form of the data presented in the *Progress* volume are excellent. For basic new and useful information, I prefer the articles on plant cuticles by Mazliak, on lichen substances by Huneck, and on lipids and fatty acids of photosynthetic tissue by Nichols and James. The summary of fern constituents should be of considerable use to biochemically oriented taxonomists.

Trewavas discusses the interactions between nucleic acid and hormones, coverage of which is much duplicated in other sources. However, his paper is a critical review, with citations of pertinent work with animal tissues. The articles by Hardy and Knight on the biochemistry and mechanisms of nitrogen fixation will be useful to teachers and researchers, even though the emphasis is on the work and interpretations of the author. It apparently fills a gap among the recent reviews that have stressed other aspects of nitrogen fixation. Furuya's paper on phytochrome is quite readable, but it is hard to present new ideas on a subject that has been reviewed so often recently. Furuya mistakenly states that "anthocyanin synthesis . . . always requires an irradiation via an energy-dependent photoreaction." All the papers mentioned above contain useful tables of data.

The paper and printing of this first volume of *Progress* are not completely satisfactory. The binding of my review copy is poor; several pages have already pulled out.

Whether I continue to buy and to recommend for purchase by our library these series will depend on the editors and the subsequent authors. There are excellent reviews here, with new ideas or summaries of data, but there are also some that represent only repetitions or a rehashing of former publications.

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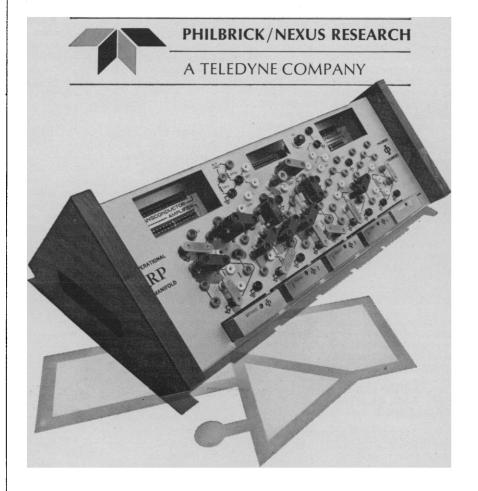
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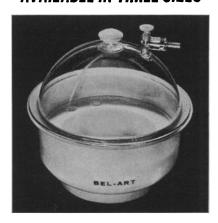


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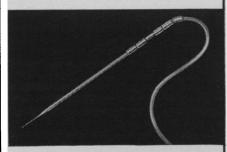
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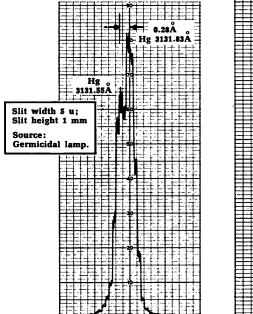
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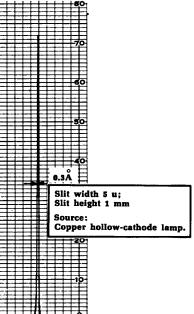
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