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Preface

The Fifth International Symposium on Organic Solid State Chemistry was held at Brandeis University in June 1978. This was the latest in a series of symposia initiated at Brookhaven National Laboratory in March 1969. These meetings were organized with several purposes in mind. One was, as usual, to present new theories and new discoveries. Another, perhaps more important, was to bring together people working in different disciplines, on different problems related to the organic solid state, and initiate dialogues between them. We believe our success in this aim is at least partially responsible for the rapid growth both in the scope of this field and in the number of well qualified researchers in it. The growth in scope can be judged by comparing the Proceedings of the last meeting with those of the first (*Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals* 9, 1-512, 1968). It is readily seen that the range of topics covered and the sophistication with which they are treated has increased greatly. It is the hope of the organizing committee that the Symposium and these Proceedings will help further the growth of this important field.

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