

PREFACE

The Fourth Annual North American Thermal Analysis Society (NATAS) met in a joint meeting with the 28th Annual Calorimetry Conference on June 13-15, 1973, at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. A total of twenty-seven papers were presented by the NATAS members while sixty papers were given by the Calorimetry Conference members. Dr. P. K. Gallagher presented the NATAS Plenary lecture while Dr. E. M. Barrall, II, the 1973 Mettler Awardee, gave the Mettler Award address.

In this Proceedings issue, twenty-one of the contributed papers are presented. The papers cover the broad research areas from thermal analysis instrumentation to polymers to coordination compounds.

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