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Macromolecular crystallography with synchrotron radiation. By J. R. HELLIWELL. Pp. xx + 595. Cambridge University Press, 1992. Price £95.00, US \$165.00. ISBN 0-521-33467-5.

The generation of a new scientific discipline, or advent of a new technique, is often marked by a progression from frontier scientific articles, to review articles and conference proceedings, to scholarly monographs and, finally, to graduate and undergraduate texts. John Helliwell made major contributions, through his scientific articles and conference presentations, to the birth of synchrotron-based macromolecular crystallography. This reviewer's copies of his review articles on this topic, written separately and with Trevor Greenhough, are dog-eared and battered – testimony that they

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