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**Mineral scale formation and inhibition.** Edited by Z. AMJAD. Pp. xiii

+ 354. New York: Plenum Publishing Corporation, 1995. Price \$110.00. ISBN 0-306-45195-6. Proceedings of an American Chemical Society symposium on the title topic held in August 1994 in Washington, DC. The book 'provides an introduction to the type and severity of scaling problems in both industrial and biological systems'.

**Admixtures in crystallization.** By J. NYVLT and J. ULRICH. Pp. 390. Weinheim: VCH Verlagsgesellschaft, mbH, 1995. Price DM 298.00. ISBN 3-527-28739-6. A brief review of the still largely empirical studies of the effects of additives on the crystallization process is followed by tabulations of the effects of various organic and inorganic admixtures on the crystallization of over 300 organic and inorganic substances. Few of the 1750 literature references are to particularly recent work.

**Electrooptic effects in liquid crystal materials.** By L. M. BLINOV and V. G. CHIGRINOV. Pp. xvii + 464. Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 1996. Price DM 89.00. ISBN 0-387-94708-6. This is a 'Study Edition' of the 1993 hardcover version of this work. The book 'by two of the leaders in liquid-crystal research in Russia, presents a complete and accessible treatment of virtually all known phenomena occurring in liquid crystals under the influence of electric fields'.