dissolved in 55 ml. of absolute methanol and placed in a three-necked flask equipped with dropping funnel, reflux condenser, and drying tube. A solution of 1.0 g. (0.004 mole) of dry silver benzoate in 12.5 ml. (9.1 g.) of triethylamine was added dropwise with stirring to the solution of 48 at room temperature. The silver benzoate solution was added in small portions at intervals until the evolution of nitrogen ceased (about 1 hour). After this time the reaction mixture was refluxed for a few minutes with decolorizing carbon and filtered. Removal of the solvent afforded a yellow oil which was dissolved in ether, washed successively with dilute hydrochloric acid and sodium bicarbonate solutions, and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. To the crude dimethyl ester of 50, obtained upon removal of the solvent, was added 75 ml. of a 10 per cent solution of potassium hydroxide in methanol. After refluxing for 2 hours the solution was evaporated to dryness at reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in 50 ml. of water and acidified with 6 N hydrochloric acid. The acidified mixture was cooled and extracted with several portions of ether. The combined ethereal extracts were washed once with water and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The solvent was removed, leaving a residual oil which solidified upon standing. The solid was washed thoroughly with hexane and