

Book reviews

Proceedings of the Second International Symposium on Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of the Eye and Adnexa, by Byron Smith, M.D., and John Marquis Converse, M.D., St. Louis, 1967, The C. V. Mosby Company. 500 pages and 324 illustrations. \$31.00.

In May, 1966, the Second International Symposium on Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery of Eye and Adnexa was held in New York. One of the unique aspects of this conference was the large percentage of the audience who were also participants. Among those present were many of the world's outstanding surgeons who deal in problems of the eye and its adnexae. This book is a summary of that conference, and it reflects the high level of interest of the participants. It is a top-quality review of advance thinking in ophthalmic plastic surgery. It is not a general text for the ophthalmologist or resident who wishes to quickly determine the best way to handle certain cases, but it is a must for the surgeon whose prime interest is reconstructive surgery to transplantation of the eye and to adjacent structures.

Bernd Silver, M.D.

The Liège Symposium sur l'Amblyopie Strabique: Documenta Ophthalmologica Vol. 23, Dr. W. Junk, Den Haag, The Netherlands, 1967, N.V. ix and 706 pp., 146 figs., Cloth, Dutch Guilders 115, US \$31.95.

The Liège (Belgium) Symposium on Strabismic Amblyopia was held Sept. 22 to 25, 1965. Vol. 23 of *Documenta Ophthalmologica* presents the papers and the discussions of papers presented at that gathering. The meeting provided a statement and evaluation of the clinical problem of strabismic amblyopia. The emphasis was mainly on psychosensory lines. In addition, the current status of pleoptic technique was evaluated and critically reviewed. Several speakers considered the characteristics of those with abnormal and normal fixation. Individuals working in this field should possess this volume.

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Dyslexia: Diagnosis and treatment of reading disorders, Edited by Arthur H. Keeney, M.D., D.Sc., and Virginia T.

Keeney, M.D., St. Louis, 1968, The C. V. Mosby Company. 260 pages, \$12.00.

This publication, which grew out of the National Conference on Dyslexia in Philadelphia in 1966, contains a selected group of papers given at that meeting. An attempt has been made to organize the controversial and confusing views in this field, but, as one author states, 90 per cent of the theory, reporting, and research concerning dyslexia is in the areas of definition, etiology, and diagnosis. Relatively little attention has been given to comparing and testing methods of treatment. Herein lies the practicing ophthalmologist's dilemma—the child is already referred to him by the parent or school with the diagnosis of “poor reader,” and the doctor is often asked not only to rule out any ophthalmic disturbances but also to advise on treatment. This book is excellent for a background in the classification, probable etiology, and diagnosis of dyslexia, but points out the weakness in the lack of accepted forms of treatment. It is recommended not only to ophthalmologists but also to teachers, doctors, and therapists involved in this area.

George Bohigian, M.D.

Transactions of the First International Congress of Orthoptists, 1967. St. Louis, 1968, The C. V. Mosby Company. 375 pages, \$14.25.

The chapters of the transactions of this congress are: Anomalies of Binocular Vision, Orthoptic Therapy, Surgery, The Education of Orthoptists, and Miotics. At the conclusion of each chapter, there are minutes of the discussions referring to the papers given on the above topics. There is also a chapter entitled “Other Papers” containing articles on miscellaneous subjects regarding strabismus, as well as a report on the documents and historical exhibitions. An index of authors and a subject index are included. This volume is excellent for anyone interested in strabismus.

Jane Hurtt

Corneal and Scleral Contact Lenses, Proceedings of the International Congress, by Louis J. Girard, M.D., F.A.C.S., editor, St. Louis, 1967, The C. V. Mosby Company, 512 pages, \$29.50.

Contact lenses have become of age in the ophthalmological world. To quote from the pref-