BOOK REVIEWS


This ninth volume is devoted to a full discussion of some of the complications which may arise during ophthalmic surgery and many of those which may follow it; the contributions have been made by many European ophthalmologists of standing. The subjects dealt with include the post-operative behaviour of the visual fields in glaucoma, post-operative detachment of the choroid, prolapse of the iris, infection of the globe, psychic disturbances, intra-ocular haemorrhages, drawing of the pupil into the wound after cataract surgery, the factors influencing the cicatrization of corneal wounds, post-operative uveitis, corneal oedema, epithelial cysts, failure of the anterior chamber to re-form, post-operative hypertension, and post-operative death.

An interesting section deals with the maladie opératoire—the whole gamut of disturbances to the physiology of the eye which may follow surgical intervention. Other sections deal with the post-operative complications of buphthalmos, the development of cataract after fistulizing operations, the occurrence of retinal detachment in aphakia, haemorrhages and loss of vitreous during the operation for cataract, the complications of Strampelli’s operation for the introduction of an acrylic lens into aphakic or myopic eyes, and the vexed question of phako-anaphylactic inflammation.


The English text of the original German pamphlet “Wann-Was”, which was published in 1958 and was reviewed in the Brit. J. Ophthalm. (1959), 43, 122.

NOTES

NATIONAL COUNCIL TO COMBAT BLINDNESS

The National Council to Combat Blindness, Inc., announces 1959 Fight For Sight awards to medical colleges, hospitals, research centres, and individual investigators totalling $160,000. These awards include 26 grants-in-aid, eight post-doctoral fellowships, two pre-doctoral fellowships, twenty summer student fellowships, and three awards in support of clinical service projects.

Fight For Sight grants-in-aid and full-time research fellowships are generally awarded for a period of one year and may be renewed with the approval of the National Council to Combat Blindness’ Scientific Advisory Committee.

Student fellowships are awarded for periods of 2 or 3 months.

January 1, 1960, is the closing date for receipt of applications for the 1960-61 group of awards from applicants not requesting renewal support. Candidates (other than those applying for student fellowships) who wish to apply for continuation support are requested to do so not later than March 15, 1960.

Appropriate forms may be obtained from: The Secretary, National Council to Combat Blindness, Inc., 41, West 57th Street, New York 19, N.Y., U.S.A.

CORRIGENDUM

In the article by Stewart Munro entitled “Fundus Appearances in Acute Dermatomyositis” (Brit. J. Ophthalm., 1959, 43, 548):

Page 551, Fig. 16: for 1959, read 1957.

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