

is fitting that the book should come from the pen of Uribe Troncoso to whose enthusiasm and immense capacity for patient and accurate observation gonioscopy owes its place in ophthalmology to-day.

Troncoso's book is a delightful one — well written, easy to read and full of interest. The first chapters are devoted to a description of the comparative anatomy of the angle in man, the comparative physiology of the outflow of the aqueous, and (written by Ida Mann) the embryological development of this region. There follow the story of the development of gonioscopy and a very clear and adequate description of the various techniques which have been used, a description of the gonioscopic appearances of the normal angle, and finally its abnormal appearances in senility, in congenital deformities, in injuries, inflammations, tumours, glaucoma (in great detail in three chapters), in post-operative glaucomatous states and in various miscellaneous diseases. It is in glaucoma, of course, that the method has excited the greatest interest and is of the most clinical value: from the point of view of pathology it has demonstrated that peripheral synechiæ are the result, and not the cause of raised intra-ocular pressure, and has laid the foundation for a division (now becoming popular) of the disease into a wide-angle and narrow-angle type. From the clinical point of view the greatest value of the method is to suggest lines of appropriate treatment and to observe the efficacy of operation.

So clearly is the book written that it would be easy for the tyro to undertake gonioscopy with it alone as a guide. To a considerable extent this is rendered possible by the number and excellence of the illustrations, and further study is facilitated by the full bibliographies. Obviously Troncoso has enjoyed his life-work; his writing shows his enthusiasm and it will surely inspire others to profit by his experience, and advance still further a fascinating diagnostic technique.

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## NOTES

National Society  
for the  
Prevention of Blindness,  
Inc. Poster

AN attractive poster captioned "Seeing Through Life" is available from the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness at 1790 Broadway, New York 19, New York. Recently revised and reprinted in bright colours, the poster emphasizes the measures that conserve and protect eyesight from the pre-natal stage through old age. It is suitable for use in connection with health and safety education programmes. Size, 19×25; price, 30 cents per single copy, with reductions on quantity orders. If possible, remittance should accompany order.

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Corrigendum

IN the article on familial cataract, p. 391, the last word of the legend beneath fig. 7 should read extraction, not extension.