Book reviews

Slit-lamp Photography of the Anterior Segment. W. MULLER and H. P. BRANDT. 1976. Pp. 126, 169 figs. Georg Thieme, Leipzig (DM98)

Slit-lamp photography of the anterior segment forms a valuable part of the investigation and assessment of disturbances in this region and it is important in teaching. This well-illustrated volume describes in detail the techniques of this procedure and evaluates the different types of apparatus and film.

The latter two-thirds of the book consists of an atlas of anterior segment disorders displayed by slit-lamp photographs, many in colour and stereo, with the coloured photographs not surprisingly providing much more information than the black-and-white. T. J. FFYTCH

Modern Problems in Ophthalmology: Colour Vision Deficiencies III. Edited by G. VERRIEST, Ghent. 1976. (Series Ed. E. B. Streiff.) Pp. 388, 179 figs., 56 tables, refs. Basel, S. Karger (DM178).

This volume contains a mixture of good, indifferent, and bad papers. The field is divided into the five sections:

Mechanisms of Defective Colour Vision, Peripheral Colour Vision, Genetics of Colour Vision, Methods of Examination, and Acquired Defects. The latter are of particular interest to the clinical worker, and several interesting topics appear in this section. Unambiguous results on the effect of hypoxia on colour vision are reported by Smith *et al.* The cause of the effect (which appears only under reduced illumination) and involves tritanopia, is as yet unexplained. Long-term adaptation resulting from tinted lenses, studied by Hill and Stevenson, indicates that changes in the nervous system are involved because of the occurrence of interocular transference. Alpern and his collaborators believe that mere colour matching can throw light on ocular pigments. An interesting paper on albinism by W. O. G. Taylor shows that colour defects are present in this group, as also appears to be the case in young diabetic patients.

The quality of production of the book is good. It is noteworthy that the price quoted by the publisher's review department is given in Swiss francs, German marks, and 'approx' US dollars; today it would cost approximately £41.77. Let us hope it will be cheaper tomorrow. R. A. WEALE

Obituary

Basil Graves, MC, MA, MRCS, LRCP, FACS, DOMS

Basil Graves died at his home in the Isle of Man on May 11. He was 88.

After reading natural sciences at Cambridge, Basil Graves proceeded to Charing Cross Hospital and qualified with the Conjoint diploma in 1915. As regimental medical officer to the 13th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers he was awarded the Military Cross for con-

spicuous gallantry. He passed through the House at Moorfields Eye Hospital and later became the Lang research scholar. For some time he was honorary surgeon to St Paul's Eye Hospital, Liverpool, but later forsook this appointment and spent the rest of his active life in Luton. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Notes

Macular Tutorial Conference

New Orleans, 31 March-2 April

Macular tutorial conference to be held in New Orleans at the Royal Sonesta Hotel on 31 March, 1 April, and 2 April, sponsored by the Touros Infirmary Eye Research Laboratory. This 3-day conference will feature didactic lectures and workshops concerning diagnosis and treat-

ment of macular disorders. Tuition will be \$195.00 if mailed prior to 15 March. For further information apply to Mrs Ramah Marshall, 1413 Delachaise Street, New Orleans, La 70115, USA.

Annual Glaucoma Course

Philadelphia, 31 March-2 April 1977

The Glaucoma Service of the Wills Eye Hospital will hold its annual glaucoma course from 31 March to 2 April 1977. The cost will be \$175 (\$50 for residents with accompanying letter from Departmental Chief), which

includes course, meals, and a concert. Further information may be obtained from Kenneth W. Benjamin, MD, 1419 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, USA.