concise and contemporary analysis of the eye disease and management. My only criticism is that I would have expected more basic science as far as the virus itself was concerned and the antiviral agents used. Apart from this I found the book very readable, interesting, and informative. Priced at £37, it is within the grasp of most ophthalmologists.

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Atlas der Kontaktlinsenanpassung. By WULF EHRICH. Pp. 169. DM.178.00. Ferdinand Enke Verlag: Stuttgart. 1985.

In a manual devoted to teaching the art of contact lens fitting every picture is worth a dozen lines of writing. This beautifully produced atlas contains 497 excellent photographs to compliment the short and incisive text, making this a highly recommendable addition to the ophthalmologist's library. Indeed one would hope that it also became compulsory reading for all contact lens practitioners in training. The theory and practice of contact lens fitting are illustrated step by step, and at times a picture is repeated in

order to emphasise a point of technique. The text has been kept to a minimum, yet it is comprehensive and didactic.

It is hard to find any fault with this useful book, and an English translation would prove very popular.

T J FFYTCHÉ

Moderne Augenrefraktometer. Bucherei des Augenarztes. Vol. 102. By BERNHARD RASSOW AND WOLFGANG WESEMANN. Pp. 86. DM.32.00. Enke: Stuttgart. 1984.

The 102nd volume of the on-going series 'Bucherei des Augenarztes' is devoted to an evaluation of refractometers, with special attention being paid to an automatic infrared machine. The mathematical and optical principles of refractometers are discussed fully together with the results of tests on model eyes. The text is very technical and likely to have only a limited appeal to clinical ophthalmologists.

In this long series of textbooks, many of which can be enthusiastically recommended, volume 102 will not feature highly in the popularity stakes.

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Notes

Herpetic eye diseases

The International Conference on Herpetic Eye Diseases will be held at Lake Tahoe, California on 6-8 September 1986. The topics include experimental and clinical studies of eye infections with herpes simplex virus, varicella zoster virus, cytomegalovirus, and E-B virus in the areas of virology, pathogenesis, latency, immunity, antiviral chemotherapy, interferon, and clinical management. Deadline for abstracts is 5 April 1986. Further information from C R Dawson or J O Oh, Francis I Proctor Foundation, Room S-315, University of California, San Francisco, California 94143, USA.

Cataract congress

The Welsh cataract congress will be held on 11-13 September 1986 at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. Further details from Eula Mae Childs, Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, 1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, Texas 77030, USA.

Sixth International Orthoptic Congress

The sixth International Orthoptic Congress will be held at the Harrogate Conference Centre, Harrogate, England on 29 June to 2 July 1987. Further information from the Secretary, British Orthoptic Society, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HX.

Ophthalmic prize

The third Ludwig von Sallman prize will be awarded at the 7th International Congress of Eye Research to be held on 25 September-1 October 1986 at the Nagoya Kanko Hotel, Nagoya, Japan. This award is for an outstanding achievement in ophthalmology and vision. The recipient will be determined by a committee composed of Dr Christina Enroth-Cugell, Dr Edward Norton, Dr Peter Gouras, and Dr Henry Wagner. Further information and nomination forms obtainable from: Peter Gouras, MD, Chairman of the von Sallmann Prize Committee, Columbia University, Box 18, 630 West 168 Street, New York, New York 10032, USA.