BOOK REVIEWS


Much of this volume of the proceedings of the London Conference on Optical Instruments in 1950 is of considerable interest to ophthalmologists. The opening address by Sir Thomas Merton stresses the debt owed to optics by science, and, indeed, by civilization as a whole. Several of the numerous papers deal with recent developments in optical instruments from the ophthalmic point of view, the most interesting being those on microscopes, phase microscopy, spectrophotometry, photometry, the new types of optical glasses now available in the United States, and plastic lenses.

REVIEWED IN Ophthalmic Literature


This volume of Documenta Ophthalmologica is made up of the following chapters:

Since these papers, all of which are of high standard and of more than usual interest, will be reviewed individually in Ophthalmic Literature it is not proposed to give them further mention here.


The sixth edition of this work, now accepted as a standard for nurses in Gt. Britain, brings its predecessor up-to-date but without introducing radical changes. It might be well in the future if additions were counter-balanced by deletions—if, for example, the cautery puncture operation were offset by the omission of the thermo-cautery which is probably rarely performed nowadays for retinal detachment.