
In this short but interesting volume, Safar has discussed the applications of diathermy in ophthalmology; and few are more competent than he to write upon this subject. After a short introduction dealing with the action of diathermy and its application in general surgery, the large number of conditions to which it is applicable in ocular surgery are discussed. The number of these seems surprisingly great when they are all gathered together: the lids (epilation, tumours, etc.); the lacrimal apparatus (destruction of the sac); severe blepharospasm (senile and post-encephalitic); the orbit (tumours, etc.); the cornea (ulcers, keratoconus, staphyломata, fistulae, etc.); the lens (extraction of a dislocated lens); glaucoma (cyclo-diathermy, coagulation of the long posterior ciliary arteries); the uvea (iridodialysis, tuberculous lesions, neoplasms); and the retina (detachments, tumours, angiomatosis). The author gives a reasoned and conservative assessment of the value of this surgical technique, mainly based on his own wide experience, and there is a very useful and complete bibliography.

NOTES

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Department of Ophthalmology: International Symposium, 1954

An international symposium on Problems in the Physiology and Pathology of the Eye will be held in the Department of Ophthalmology, College of Medicine, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, U.S.A., September 24-25, 1954. Papers will be given by the following speakers:

Giambattista Bietti (Parma, Italy): Ophthalmic Problems in Diabetes and Hypoglycaemia.
Hans Goldmann (Berne, Switzerland): Slit-lamp Microscopy of the Fundus.
H. K. Müller (Bonn, Germany): Phosphate Metabolism of the Lens.
J. Boeck (Graz, Austria): Periarteritis Nodosa and Related Diseases.
Harold Henkes (Rotterdam, Netherlands): Electroretinography.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL

Postgraduate Course in Industrial Ophthalmology

This course, which will be held from July 19 to 23, 1954, is designed for ophthalmologists and industrial medical officers, but is open to all medical practitioners. It will include clinical demonstrations, lectures on industrial diseases and injuries, and visits to local factories and a coal mine.

Further details may be obtained from the Director of Research, Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, Church Street, Birmingham, 3.

OXFORD OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The next meeting of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress will take place on July 5 to 7, 1954. The Doyne Lecture will be delivered by Mr. Frederick Ridley. The main discussions will be on "The Significance of Macular Changes" and "Post-operative Ophthalmic Care". Mr. Sidney H. Browning has been elected Deputy Master. Non-members who would like to attend the meeting should write to Dr. I. C. Fraser, 21 Dogpole, Shrewsbury.

MR. SEYMOUR PHILIPS, F.R.C.S., has been made an Honorary Member of the Ophthalmological Societies of Australia and New Zealand.