BOOK REVIEWS

manufacturing reasons one type of glass only, spectacle crown, is to be used, variation of form or "bending" the lens is the only variable at the designer's disposal. Thus only one aberration can be fully corrected and that for one object position, and a compromise must be decided upon between the various aberrations that affect the image in a particular case. What this compromise should be has been the subject of considerable controversy and here the question is fully discussed. The author shows that correction for oblique astigmatism for a distant object is the most important. Most best-form spectacle lenses produced in Great Britain are designed on this principle.

The two chapters on spectacle lenses form the most complete and up-to-date account of the subject now available in book form, most of the published work on the subject being in the form of scattered papers. These chapters could be studied with advantage by all concerned with the prescribing and dispensing of aids to vision.

The final chapter, on the distribution of light in optical instruments, contains much information of value in considering ophthalmic instruments, test charts, ophthalmoscopes, etc.

The book has been well produced and is illustrated with clearly-drawn diagrams.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The following book has been received and will be reviewed in Ophthalmic Literature December, 1956.


NOTES

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Annual Congress will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, W.I., on April 11–13, 1957.

The Presidential Address will be delivered by Mr. J. J. Healy on "The Intra-Ocular Circulation in Arterio-Sclerosis and High Blood Pressure".

A discussion on "Ocular Aspects of Diabetes" will be opened by Professor G. I. Scott, Dr. Norman Ashton, and Dr. J. D. N. Nabarro. There will also be a short symposium on "Congenital Cataract".

The Bowman Lecture will be delivered by Sir Stewart Duke-Elder on "The Aetiology of Glaucoma".

Members wishing to read a short paper, to give a short pictorial demonstration, or to show a film, are asked to send the title, together with an abstract, to Mr. J. R. Hudson not later than November 30, 1956.

The annual dinner to which members may bring guests will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on April 11. A Trade Exhibition will be held in the Cowdray Hall (next door to The Royal Society of Medicine).

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