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BOOK REVIEWS

Transplantation of Tissues. Edited by L. A. PEER. Vol. 2, 1959. Pp. 690, illus. Baillière, Tindall and Cox, London. (£8).

This volume deals with a wide variety of transplantations of tissues—skin, fat, nerves, teeth, blood vessels, endocrine glands, organs, peritoneum, cancer cells—in addition to the cornea. The section on the last-named, which will interest readers of this Journal, has been contributed by Castroviejo of New York. It comprises two chapters and occupies 18 pages; it is short, didactic, and contains no new information beyond that fully annotated in the ophthalmic journals.

Vision Screening for Elementary Schools. By H. L. BLUM, H. B. PETERS, and J. W. BETTMAN. 1959. Pp. 146. University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, U.S.A. (28s.)

This monograph presents a review of some previous studies and a detailed analysis of one extensive survey. The practical and statistical problems involved are discussed at some length, and this should prove a useful guide to future screening programmes.

NOTES

REFRESHER COURSES IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

For the second year running, a Refresher Course in Ophthalmology was organized by Professor Arnold Sorsby at the Courage Laboratory, Royal Eye Hospital, in February, 1959. The course included visits to the Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases, the Westminster Branch of Moorfields, and the Royal College of Surgeons.

Professor Sorsby has kindly agreed to organize a similar Course from February 15–19, 1960. Any ophthalmologist wishing to attend this Course should write to:

Mr. G. W. Hoare, 16, Clytha Park, Newport, Mon.

OBITUARY

MOACYR E. ALVARO

Many of our readers, particularly those who have international contacts, will regret to hear that Moacyr Alvaro died on July 19, 1959, after a few weeks' illness. Alvaro was the most prominent international figure in South American ophthalmology, and had been for long the moving spirit in the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology, the success of which depended essentially on his personal endeavours and enthusiasms. He was a member of the International Council of Ophthalmology from 1948 to 1958, and those of us who have met him so often on both sides of the Atlantic at international meetings will miss him. We extend our sympathy to his widow who had identified herself with the international ophthalmological community as wholeheartedly as her husband.