BOOK REVIEW


That motoring on the roads is increasing in most modern communities is indisputable, and it is equally indisputable that safety in travel depends to a considerable extent on vision and its adaptability to conditions subject to rapid change. In many countries these problems are airily dismissed in practice by an unscientific test for central visual acuity. The inadequacy of this is apparent to the reader of this book which discusses a host of problems in visual physiology and pathology. Visual acuity itself is complicated by its static and dynamic aspects and the problem of reaction-time, by motion and vibration, by night-myopia and night-presbyopia, and by the wearing of spectacles particularly in the correction of high errors of refraction; the visual fields and colour vision enter into the question as well as ocular dominance and the difficult question of the illumination of roads is crucial. Dark adaptation and ocular motility are also of importance. The effects of intoxication, particularly by alcohol, exert a disturbing influence on most of these variables. The piloting of aircraft brings problems of its own. These and the effects of visual incapacity as assessed from the statistics of accidents available in Central Europe are considered in greater detail than in any other publication available; the value of the volume is increased by the full and useful bibliography.

NOTES

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Ninth Walter Wright Lectureship and Alumni Day, February, 1968

The Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Toronto, in conjunction with the Alumni and the Academy of Medicine, Section of Ophthalmology, will hold the ninth Walter Wright Lectureship and Alumni Day on February 16, 1968. The lecturer will be Prof. Alfred J. Elliot of the University of British Columbia who will speak on “Recent Advances in the Diagnosis and Management of Macular and Paramacular Tumours”. In association with the lecture there will be other papers by the staff of the Department, a clinical session, and social events.

II CORNEAL AND PLASTIC SURGERY SYMPOSIUM

Miami, March 18 to 22, 1968

The Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Miami School of Medicine, and the Florida Lions Eye Bank at Miami announce a Symposium on Corneal and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery to be held at the Hollywood Beach Hotel, Miami Beach (Hollywood), Florida, on March 18 to 22, 1968. The Faculty for the course will include:

Dr. Jorge N. Buxton  Dr. J. Donald M. Gass  Dr. Norman Sanders
Dr. Alston Callahan  Dr. Arnold J. Kroll  Dr. Byron Smith
Dr. Ramon Castroviejo  Dr. Robert Magoon  Dr. Federick W. Stocker
Dr. Richard Tenzel  Dr. Lorenz Zimmerman

Additional information regarding this seminar can be obtained by writing to:

Corneal Surgery Symposium, c/o Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, 1638, N.W. 10th Avenue, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.