BOOK REVIEWS


A sixth edition of "Wolff's Anatomy of the Eye and Orbit" has now appeared, revised, as was its predecessor, by R. J. Last of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Most of our readers will already know this work well and the present edition essentially retains the characteristics of the first. It is 29 pages larger than the 5th edition and these are largely occupied by the addition of the recent findings in electron microscopy which are beautifully illustrated. Other notable additions are the recent researches on the pre-corneal film and R. Warwick's views of the constitution of the nucleus of the third cranial nerve in man. This excellent text-book is undoubtedly being kept up to date.


Professor E. B. Streiff has reached his 60th birthday and to commemorate this event many of his friends have contributed to this volume in appreciation of his services to ophthalmology. In view of his main interest, the general subject of the volume is vascular diseases in ophthalmology, and within this large sphere many aspects are discussed in 32 original papers. These include new techniques in examination and the physiology of the ocular circulation, disorders of the retinal arteries and veins, and the vascular effects seen in the fundus in specific diseases such as angioma-stosis, diabetes, and Eales' disease. A final section discusses disturbances of the cerebral circulation of ophthalmic interest, such as papillitis and central vascular insufficiency and occlusion. In addition there is a short prefix (or a suffix) by Noelle Chome and a delightful illustration by the tiny Brigitte Streiff. As would be expected from the calibre of the contributors, the volume is certainly worth reading.

NOTES

OPTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

88th Annual Congress, 1968

The 88th Annual Congress of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom was held at the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, Cardiff, from April 17 to 19, 1968, under the Presidency of Sir Tudor Thomas. About 200 members and guests were present including a number of visitors from abroad. After his address of welcome Sir Tudor Thomas presented the Treacher Collins Prize to Prof. E. S. Perkins for his winning essay on "Glaucoma in its sociological aspects".

The first paper was given by Mr. M. V. Graham (Cardiff) on "Carotid artery disease", a condition which was apparently becoming more common as the incidence of atheroma associated with cerebral vascular disease increased. His series showed a female: male ratio of 3 : 1, and the majority of cases presented as transient ischaemic attacks, or as slowly progressive neurological deficiencies, or as a frank stroke.