central retinal vein (Öosterhuis) emphasizes the importance of defective arterial flow, while treatment of this condition, whether by anticoagulants or streptokinase, is disappointing. François compares the clinical appearances in Stargardt's macular degeneration, vitelliform degeneration, senile macular degeneration, central serous choroiditis, cystic macular degeneration, central choroidal sclerosis, and retinopathy with angioid streaks.

The section on plastic surgery covers the surgical management of ptosis and of lacrimal obstruction, with particular emphasis on surgical minutenae in the management of canalicular and duct obstruction, and acrylic lens implants.

The third, and shortest, section deals with various aspects of road safety of particular interest to the ophthalmologist.

This is an interesting series of papers on a wide variety of topics, those in the first section being of particular value, combining the view of both internist and ophthalmologist in subjects of particular interest to both parties.


This is essentially similar to the previous edition, but the author has included an explanation of clinical methods of measuring visual acuity, a paragraph on the treatment of welder's flash, an explanation of the cause of diplopia in unilateral aphakia, and a brief note on modern methods of treatment of retinal detachment. The paragraph on the now rare condition of retroventral fibropia has been omitted. It would perhaps have been appropriate to include a section on the ocuclotonic manifestations of systemic drugs frequently used in general practice. The improvements effected in this edition reflect the practical approach of the author in writing a book for the general practitioner and the undergraduate student. It remains concise and easily read and undoubtedly deserves to continue to occupy a prominent place in the library of the busy practitioner.


This book is written mainly for medical students, general practitioners, paediatricians, and resident ophthalmologists. The 5th edition follows the format of earlier volumes and its concise text and excellent lay-out should make it a useful and quick reference guide to the various aspects of ophthalmology.

**Notes**

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A Congress will be held at the Institute of Child Health, Guildford Street, London, W.C.1, on September 25 and 26, 1969, under the auspices of the European Council for Strabismic Studies. Details and forms of application may be obtained from the Congress Secretary, C.E.S.S.D.D., Orthoptic Department, Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, W.C.1. Early application is essential, as numbers are strictly limited.