

**The Practice of Refraction.** By STEWART DUKE-ELDER. 8th ed., 1969. Pp. 329, 244 figs. Churchill, London. (45s.)

The new edition of this well-established classic has been modernized in several respects and must still remain the work of choice for the tyro in the art of refraction. The section on contact lenses has been brought up to date but it is perhaps inevitable that, in a work of this size, the value of this section as a practical guide is somewhat limited. Nevertheless, this complex subject is presented in all its essentials with the author's unabated literary expertise.

**Vision Screening of Pre-School Children.** By L. J. TAUBENHAUS and A. A. JACKSON. 1969. Pp. 106, 27 refs. Thomas, Springfield, Ill. (\$8.75)

If it is desirable to pursue a policy of seeking out visual disability a climate of public awareness has to be created. This work is intended to demonstrate how such a policy can be applied to the pre-school child. The organization of a screening programme is discussed in simple style as it relates to those carrying it out and to those who will benefit from it and how. The techniques by which it can be realized are also elaborated. The whole turns out to be a combination of elementary paediatric ophthalmology, public relations, and common sense. Being heavily slanted towards the layman the ophthalmologist is likely to learn less of his own subject than of the admirable results of American enthusiasm.

## Notes

### II Cataract Surgery Congress

*Miami, February 6 to 10, 1971*

The second biennial Cataract Surgery Congress will be held at Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, Florida. A preliminary call is made for short papers on any aspect of cataract surgery or related topics. Each paper will be discussed by ten outstanding full-time Faculty Panellists, and also Guest Panellists from a group of surgeons distinguished in their fields. For further information write to Robert C. Welsh, M.D., 608 Huntington Medical Building, Miami, Florida.

### Irish Ophthalmological Society

*Annual Meeting, April 30 and May 1, 1970*

The Irish Ophthalmological Society will hold its Annual Meeting in Dublin on April 30 and May 1, 1970. The Montgomery Lecture will be delivered in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on the afternoon of April 30 by Mr. J. B. Prendiville, F.R.C.S.I.

### Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital, New York

*Symposium on Congenital Eye Disorders, May 2, 1970*

A Symposium on the Surgery of Congenital Eye Disorders in Infants and Children, sponsored by the Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital, Alumni Association (19th Annual Alumni Clinical Conference), will be held on May 2, 1970, at the Granada Hotel, Brooklyn, New York. For further information apply to: Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital, Alumni Association, Att: Mrs. Ruth Pattenden, 29 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11238, U.S.A.