

all that is best in British surgery, it may be that the ophthalmic section stands on equal footing with the rest. This places a considerable burden of selection on the overall editors, which seems not to have been shouldered in the present volume as the operation of dacryocystorhinostomy is described twice.

Amotio Retinae. Contributions to the Pathogenesis and Treatment of Retinal Detachment. (Amotio retinae. Beiträge zur Pathogenese und Therapie der Netzhautablosung). Edited by W. DODEN. 1970. Pp. 135, 80 figs (Bücherei des Augenarztes, No. 53). Enke, Stuttgart. (DM 26).

This booklet contains the papers and lectures on retinal detachment which were read at an ophthalmological meeting at Frankfurt am Main in November, 1968. Thirteen well-known authors contributed. Custodis discussed scleral plugs and globe-shortening operations. Meyer-Schwickerath, of light-coagulation fame, gave a survey of detachment treatment. Hruby contributed a paper on the substitution of vitreous; recommending Etamucin, a hyaluronate. Other chapters deal with cryopexy, laser coagulation, half-*cerclage*, and the significance of changes of the vitreo-retinal layer. Klöti stated in a very instructive way that a chorio-retinal defect was responsible for the tear while the vitreo-retinal relationship determined the shape and extent of the detachment. Hommer pointed out that the general reduction of the electroretinogram had no great diagnostic significance. When the media were cloudy the echogram gave more reliable results.

The booklet contains much valuable information, and gives a clear picture of today's views on retinal separation. One misses, however, the lively exchange of opinions which made the reading of the analogous reports of the Retina Foundation, Boston, 1965, so interesting.

Notes

Pediatric Ophthalmology Course

University of Toronto, April 2 to 4, 1970

The Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Toronto announces a University sponsored course in Pediatric Ophthalmology to be held on April 2, 3, and 4, 1970, in the Large Lecture Theatre, at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Guests of honour will be Mr. Kenneth Wybar, Chief of Ophthalmology at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, London, England; Dr. Harold G. Scheie, Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and Dr. Hermann Burian, Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, U.S.A.

IV Asia-Pacific Congress, 1972

Auckland, April 9 to 14, 1972

The Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology will hold its Fourth Congress at Auckland, New Zealand, on April 9 to 14, 1972. Distinguished speakers will discuss the surgery of glaucoma, cataract, and retinal detachment. Special consideration will be given to ophthalmic problems arising in the Asia-Pacific area. Scientific and trade exhibitions will be included.

The Committee extends a cordial invitation to all ophthalmologists to attend this Congress. Further particulars may be obtained from Dr. G. Fenwick, 17 Mount Street, Auckland 1, or from Dr. W. J. Holmes, 1013 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.