

Pleoptik und Orthoptik. By W. AUST. Second ed., 1973. Pp. 160, 72 figs. Karger, Basel (£5.50)

The second edition of this popular handbook on orthoptics includes much of the recent work on pleoptics and orthoptic treatment. It remains a precise compact little textbook, small enough to fit into a pocket or handbag, and is essential reading for trainee ophthalmologists and orthoptists. A chapter on surgical management of squints would be a useful addition to any future editions, but the book can nevertheless be thoroughly recommended as a synopsis of orthoptics.

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Proceedings of the Tenth ISCERG Symposium, Los Angeles, August 20–23, 1972. Edited by J. T. PEARLMAN. 1973. Pp. 292, figs, bibl. Junk, The Hague (*Docum. Ophthalm. Proc. Ser. vol. 2*) (75 Dutch guilders)

This is not a book for the clinical ophthalmologist, ranging as it does from a paper on Boolean notation for electrophysiology through the basic concepts of the visually evoked response to the analysis of the visual response of a pupating fly. The society organizing the symposium is international but small, with only some 250 members, and these meetings allow much useful discussion of the papers presented both within and without the formal sessions. The true worth of this meeting is therefore inadequately represented by this collection. The papers themselves are of variable quality but there is something of value for everyone interested in this subject.

J. H. KELSEY

Corneal Graft Failure. Ciba Foundation Symposium (New Series 15). 1973. Pp. 363, figs, refs. Elsevier-Excerpta Medica-North Holland, Amsterdam (\$17.90)

This book is the record of a Ciba Foundation Symposium held in London in November, 1972, and deals almost exclusively with penetrating keratoplasty. In the past, the emphasis in all discussions relating to graft failure has been upon operative techniques. In this work actual techniques occupy but a small part of the text, although the importance of avoiding undue trauma during operation, especially to the donor endothelium, is stressed more than once. It is generally accepted that, however good the technique, failures will occur at times.

The main causative factors are recurrence of the original disease in the graft, or the allograft reaction, or sometimes a combination of the two. Many experts from both sides of the Atlantic discuss in detail methods of avoiding and treating these problems. Much space is given to the immunological aspects of graft rejection and, details of recent experimental discoveries in this field are described. The clinical manifestations of rejection and, even more important, of impending rejection are reported fully. In addition, specific sections deal with the quality of donor material, the value of steroids, the basis of immunosuppression, and the problems involved in tissue typing.

There is a vast amount of information of real practical value in this book, and it should form part of the library of any ophthalmologist involved in keratoplasty.

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Third Mackenzie Symposium

Glasgow, July 1 to 4, 1974

The subject of the Third Mackenzie Symposium will be "Vision and Circulation" and sessions will be devoted to cerebral circulation, basic and clinical aspects of ocular circulation, disturbances of orbital circulation, and haematological aspects of ocular circulation. The Mackenzie Memorial