disease) and numerous general diseases (Parkinson's disease, pernicious anaemia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, etc.) are better dealt with in general textbooks. Many eponymous syndromes included are of doubtful verisimilitude (*e.g.* Ganset's syndrome—mental defect, hysterical symptoms, and convulsions; Espildora-Luque syndrome—ophthalmic sylvian syndrome; and Jhanke's syndrome—aglaucomatous Sturge-Weber disease).

This book, which has required an immense amount of work, is of value to the clinical ophthalmologist as a guide to recent references, and provides a name for any assortment of unusual clinical signs. Inexpensive and manageable, it provides a gateway to the unusual in ophthalmology.

M. D. Sanders

Outline of Ophthalmology. By W. LEYDHECKER. 17th ed., 1973. Pp. 248, 285 figs (col. pl.). Springer, Berlin (DM 36)

This compact handbook provides a wide coverage of the subject. Despite its small size it presents a comprehensive picture of ophthalmic diseases and their management, with up-to-date information on contemporary diagnostic techniques and surgical procedures. Although the book is intended for undergraduates, it certainly reaches Diploma level in parts and in the revision section at the end, which is in the form of questions, the standard set is very high. There are excellent illustrations throughout, and the device of emphasizing important passages in the text by printing them against a red background is a successful novelty.

This book is relatively inexpensive and is recommended for the individual as well as the ophthalmic library.

T. J. ffytche

Books received

Current Abstracts on Contact Lenses. September, 1973. Visual Science Information Centre, School of Optometry, University of California, Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A.

This is a monthly publication covering the world scientific literature on contact lenses. The arrangement is alphabetical by author. These abstracts are helpful to the specialist ophthalmologist and to research departments.

Notes

American Society of Contemporary Ophthalmology

Miami, Florida, March 2 to 7, 1975

The 1975 annual meeting and scientific assembly will be held at the Americana Hotel, Bel Harbor (Miami Beach), Florida. Leading ophthalmologists will present courses and workshops on cataract, contact lenses, cornea, glaucoma, oculoplastic surgery, retina, strabismus, and other subjects.

For further information write to the Secretary, American Society of Contemporary Ophthalmology, 30 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60602, U.S.A.

International Society of Geographical Ophthalmology

World Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 29 to July 4, 1975

The official themes of the congress will be Developmental and congenital ocular anomalies and diseases, Strabismus, and Ophthalmic services in different countries of the world, with special reference to the use and training of paramedical personnel. Papers will be limited to 10 minutes.

For further information write to the local convenor and secretary for the United Kingdom: Prof. R. S. Bartholomew, Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh EH3 9HA.