BOOK NOTICES


This handsome volume of 542 pages comprises the proceedings of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom during its annual congress held in London in May, 1921. It gains added influence from the inclusion of the six affiliated societies, namely, the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress, the Midland Ophthalmological Society, the North of England Ophthalmological Society, the Irish Ophthalmological Society, the Scottish Ophthalmic Club, and the Ophthalmological Society of Egypt. There seems to be some little ambiguity about the name of one of the constituent bodies, which is spoken of as the "Scottish Ophthalmic Club" on the first page of the volume, and "The Scottish Ophthalmological Club" on page xlvii and elsewhere. Noteworthy among the contents is the address by the President, Mr. J. Herbert Fisher, on "The Personal Equation," the Bowman Lecture, by Mr. E. Treacher Collins (noticed at length in our last issue, p. 39), and the report of the discussion at the Oxford Congress on "The Causes of Infection After the Extraction of Senile Cataract," opened by Victor Morax. The volume also contains reports of discussions on the psychology of vision in health and disease, opened by Professor C. Spearman and Mr. Herbert Parsons, F.R.S., and on the treatment of manifest concomitant strabismus, opened by Mr. Claud Worth and Mr. A. J. Ballantyne. The remainder of the volume contains notes of cases and of pathological observations. Most pictures are in black and white, while coloured plates, so conspicuous a feature in former numbers of the Transactions, are few in number, doubtless due to their great cost nowadays. As regards its contents, however, they compare favourably with its forty predecessors. It is a credit to British Ophthalmology in general and to the Ophthalmological Society in particular.

The Care of Eye Cases. By Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Elliot, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., Lecturer in Ophthalmology, London School of Tropical Medicine, etc. London: Henry Frowde and Hodder & Stoughton. Price 12s. 6d.

This is one of the Oxford Medical Publications and is described as a manual for the nurse, practitioner and student. It contains 168 pages and 135 illustrations, and should prove itself most useful to the beginner, particularly a nurse who is being trained in ophthalmic work. Part I is devoted to:—
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(a) Surgical remedies, preparations before, and care of patient after, an operation.

(b) The description of appliances used in diagnosis.

Part II.—Diseases of the eye and orbit, 16 pages only, is merely an introduction to the subject.

The Appendix includes a list of instruments required for each of the more usual eye operations, and finally 20 illustrated pages of instruments so that the nurse may make herself familiar with their appearance.

The book shows the usual standard of excellence of the Oxford Medical Publications, and should be in every ophthalmic operating theatre.

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Any book which has gone through eight editions in the course of fourteen years has obviously established its position in the world, and a review of it becomes an easy task under these circumstances. The articles in the present edition on diseases of the eye have all been revised by Sir William Lister. Many of them were written for the original publication by him, and others by the late Mr. Ilbert Hancock. We have read them all through and find in them all the same characteristics of well-balanced judgment and sound common sense. The instructions given are such as should enable any good general practitioner to deal with all the ordinary eye diseases that he is likely to wish to treat without more expert help.

The book is adapted for the use of the busy doctor, and the articles are concise, lucid and dogmatic, three points which are sure to gain the busy doctor’s approbation.

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In these columns (page 575) we have already given some details of the council in aid of the blind appointed by the London County Council. The County Council has now appointed Captain O. E. Winburg to be chairman of the newly constituted central council. The chairman and vice-chairman of the County Council’s special committee for the welfare of the blind automatically become members of the central council. The County Council has also