surgery for postoperative astigmatism. Intraocular lenses are mentioned but not in any great detail.

The last part of the book is on otolaryngology, neurosurgery, and vascular and limb implantations. It is short and quite interesting to read.

The main value of this book is in the first part, where the basic principles of microsurgery are discussed in detail. The ophthalmic information available in the second part is all easily available elsewhere. It is a worthwhile addition to the library of a beginner in microsurgery and will also be of interest to the established microsurgeon.

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1977 Year Book of Ophthalmology. Edited by WILLIAM F. HUGHES. Pp. 384. £17.75. YB Medical Publishers: London. 1977.

This 1977 volume has recently made its appearance and as usual compresses the important literature in ophthalmology over the year into a relatively small space, condensing the reports of new work in a precise form. The text opens with 45 questions addressed to the clinician, and if any reader has doubts about the value of the *Year Book* he has only to discipline himself to answer the 45 questions without reference to the text.

S. J. H. MILLER

Pseudophakos. By NORMAN S. JAFFE, MILES A. GALIN, HENRY HIRSCHMAN and HENRY M. CLAYMAN. Pp. 245. £32.20. Mosby: St. Louis. 1978.

A book on this still somewhat controversial subject has long been needed to serve as an authoritative guide to surgical and clinical practice both for those already involved in it and also for those inclined to take an interest in it, including postgraduate students in ophthalmology. This text fulfils its role excellently, providing a safe and sensible surgical outlook and covering the subject in all its aspects. Sixteen chapters cover theoretical aphakic and implant optics, history, implant chemistry, clinical guidelines, methods of estimating implant power, sterilisation, surgical techniques, complications, and results. All these subjects are generously illustrated with both monochrome drawings and photographs.

The authors have confined themselves to considering implants supported by the iris and/or the posterior lens capsule, to which their own experience has been confined. A chapter by Choyce has been included on anterior chamber lenses. This chapter differs significantly in clinical style from the remainder of the book, but the views expressed are of interest. No mention is made of the 'UGH' syndrome (uveitis, glaucoma, and hyphaema) which has appeared recently in the American literature.

This is a useful and much needed contribution to ophthalmic literature which can be warmly recommended to those interested in the subject. ARTHUR D. MCG. STEELE

Notes

Keeler award for clinical study

The Keeler award for clinical study was founded through the generosity of Keeler Holdings Ltd., by Mr Charles Keeler, who was at that time the chairman and managing director. Its object is to encourage consultant ophthalmologists, senior registrars about to take up consultant appointments, and any other applicants the trustees consider suitable, to visit other centres in the United Kingdom and abroad to gain experience of new techniques. In view of the increasing costs of travel and living expenses, the trustees have decided to create additional travelling fellowships of up to £2000 in any one year. Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Keeler Award, c/o Angus, Campbell & Co., Metropolis House, 39-45 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0JL.

Microsurgery course

The Department of Clinical Ophthalmology of the Institute of Ophthalmology will be conducting a course in ophthalmic microsurgery on 24-26 October 1979. It will be a practical course concerning common intraocular surgical procedures. The fee is £80.00 and the closing date for applications is 21 September 1979. Application forms and further details from Mrs P. M. Usher, Microsurgical Course Secretary, Department of Clinical Ophthalmology, Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, London EC1V 2PD. A further microsurgical course will be held in the spring of 1980.

Paediatric ophthalmology group

This interdisciplinary study group on paediatric ophthalmology was founded by Dr R. Mac Keith. It includes ophthalmologists, paediatricians, neurologists, psychologists, teachers, social workers, and others involved in the care of visually handicapped children. Its objectives are to further knowledge of the subject, exchange ideas, and stimulate interest in this field to the eventual benefit of children who are visually handicapped. The group meets twice a year—in the autumn at the Newcomen Centre, Guy's Hospital, when formal papers followed by discussion are presented, and early in the year, when visits are made to research units, special schools, or any department involved in the problems of paediatric ophthalmology. The present convener is Dr Neil Gordon, Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Blackley, Manchester, and the organisation of the group is supported by the Spastic Society.