

**La Correction de l'Aphakie.** By A. BRONNER, G. BAIKOFF, J. CHARLEUX, J. FLAMENT, J. P. GERHARD, J. F. RISSE. Pp. 466. 525F. Masson: Paris. 1983.

This is the first comprehensive textbook I have seen which is devoted entirely to the correction of aphakia. The work is most comprehensive and examines in detail the history, the optics, the methods of examination and refraction of the aphakic eye, together with the various methods of correction available. Glasses, contact lenses, and intraocular implants are each dealt with in thorough detail, and the book is copiously illustrated with tables, diagrams, and photographs, including five plates of colour photographs illustrating modern surgical techniques.

This is a beautifully presented and delightfully written book, and for those able to master the French language it is a delight to read. It is to be hoped that either a translation or an equally authoritative volume will become available in the English language.

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**Diagnosis and Management of Intraocular Tumors.** By JERRY A. SHIELDS. Pp. 703. £70.50. C. V. Mosby: London. 1983.

Occasionally a textbook is published that is destined to become regarded as the standard reference work on the subject. Such is this recent publication by Dr Jerry Shields. Ocular oncology has become over the past couple of decades a superspecialty in its own right in the wake of improved diagnostic and more refined therapeutic techniques. The author's wide experience in this field has been compiled in a single comprehensive volume, commencing with pertinent anatomical, diagnostic, and therapeutic concepts before proceeding to a detailed consideration of tumours of the uvea, tumours of the retina and optic disc, and other miscellaneous intraocular tumours. The protocols laid down for the treatment of each group of neoplasms reflect the author's personal opinions and expertise. Particularly commendable is the clinicopathological correlation, so important to consider in dealing with neoplasms. The book is liberally illustrated, providing a graphic aid to the recognition of the wide range of tumours encountered. Most of the photographs are in monochrome; no doubt the cost of producing such a vast number of illustrations in colour would have been prohibitive. An extensive (if sometimes inaccurate) bibliography is provided, enabling further reading on the subject if required.

This textbook is aimed at the general ophthalmologist and provides a systematic and practical up-to-date account of the diagnosis and management of intraocular tumours and pseudotumours. It deserves a place on the shelf of every well-equipped ophthalmic library.

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## Obituary

### *Thomas Colley, MB, ChB, FRCSEd*

The death of Mr Thomas Colley in a hospital in Bristol on 17 December 1983 marked the passing of an ophthalmologist who was a remarkable operative surgeon, even by the standards of today.

Born on 24 December 1894 in Preston, Lancashire, he received his medical education in Manchester and qualified in 1918. After serving in the RAMC in Salonika in that year he went on to hold house appointments at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, and at Moorfields, becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in 1921. He was appointed consultant at the Royal Eye Infirmary, Weymouth, in 1924, and was very proud of this at a time when most of the staffs of provincial hospitals were working largely in general practice. He was appointed to the staff of all the hospitals in the district, and was active in the development of the National Health Service in many ways. Besides maintaining the hospital clinics he ran a private practice, and found time to chair the Medical Staffs Advisory Committee, and to be a member of the SW Metropolitan Regional Medical Advisory Committee and that of the Western Area. He retired in 1958. He was a founder member of the Southern Ophthalmological Society, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, and member of the council of the Ophthalmological Section. He had been a member of the Ophthalmological Society of the UK.

His outside interests included photography and model making. He married in 1924 Eleanor Mary Thomas, who died on 8 April 1983. They had two daughters.

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## Notes

### Oculoplastic surgery

The XV Annual Oculoplastic Surgical Dissection Course will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, on 10-14 October 1984. Details from Ms J. Weschner, c/o Dr P. Guibor, 630 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, USA.

### Myopia congress

The Third International Conference on Myopia will be held in Rome on 2-4 May 1985 in conjunction with the XXV International Congress of Ophthalmology. Research papers on myopia are invited. Details from Mrs Sylvis N. Rachlin, 415 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017, USA.