

author manages to explain some of the more difficult ophthalmic disorders, particularly of refraction, etc., with great lucidity.

It is possible that too much material has been put into this book; more than would be required by the average student or general practitioner, nevertheless this material does not detract from the proper emphasis on essential and important eye conditions and their different diagnosis. There is an excellent chart showing the differential diagnosis of acute eye inflammations. There are also useful chapters on ocular changes in general disease, and also ocular side-effects of systemic medication.

Nevertheless the price of 35s. 0d. is high for a book of value for only a limited duration, and the use of a limp cover would have reduced the cost considerably.

A guide for staffing a hospital nursing service. MARGUERITE PAETZNICK, R.N., M.A. Public Health Papers No. 31. Geneva. World Health Organization. 1966. Pp. 93. Price 6s. 8d.

This recent addition to the excellent series of Public Health Papers from the World Health Organization aims to be a useful administrative tool for those responsible for the organization of hospital nursing services. For this very reason it is likely to prove of direct interest to only a small minority of readers of this journal. There are some analogies with the running of a large group practice, particularly one to which district nurses are attached, but the book is really concerned with hospitals. The complexity of their problems is at once obvious; an enormous amount of detail is crammed into these pages. Despite this there is constant attention to the needs of patients. At one point nursing is defined as 'the conscious practice of human relationships'. 'The quality of nursing can be judged by the sympathy and understanding shown by the nurses.'

It cannot be easy to write a short book on this subject which will be equally useful in U.S.A. or Nigeria or Albania. This one may well succeed in being so.

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