BOOK REVIEW

SURGERY OF THE EYE. By EDWIN TOROK, M. D., and GERALD H. GROUT, M.D., p. 485. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia.

The plan of this book as outlined in preface, namely, the disease, the selection of operation, detailed steps of operation, list of instruments required, complications and first operative care, is followed closely and admirably carried through the book.

The first part, covering 120 pages, deals with general surgical methods. In twelve pages the post-operative complications are ably and concisely discussed.

Pages 65 to 121 are devoted to a systematic description of instruments and their uses and contain valuable hints to beginners.

Part II is prefaced by eight pages on the surgical anatomy of the eyeball and in the remaining 337 pages the operations on the eyeball and appendage are taken up in logical sequence.

The book finishes with a chapter of sixteen pages on removal of foreign bodies.

Among the more recent operations and those not described in detail in the current surgical text-books are Legrange's sclerectomy and sclerecto-iridectomy, Heine's cyclodialysis, Elliot's trephining of sclera, Toti's operation on nasal duct. The technic in use of Schiotz tonometer, and the technic of keratoplasty.

This book is well written, compact and yet as comprehensive as was possible in 400 pages. It may not give quite the personal touch or impart the individual experience noticeable in some edited in recent years but the selection of operation and methods are well chosen and painstakingly described. The description of the more modern operations will be appreciated.

One excellent feature of the book is its wealth of original illustrations which, together with the concise and lucid text, can hardly fail to impart to the beginner a good understanding of the operation in question. Altogether this volume is a distinct contribution to the existing books on ophthalmic surgery.

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