

## BOOK REVIEWS : BOEKBESPREKINGS

### YEAR BOOK OF DERMATOLOGY

*The Year Book of Dermatology* (1960-1961 Year Book Series). Ed. by Rudolf L. Baer, M.D. and Victor H. Witten, M.D. Pp. 478. Illustrated. \$9.00. Chicago: Year Book Publishers. 1961.

The latest *Year Book of Dermatology* presents, as usual, abstracts of the best of the American literature and a sprinkling of news from the world outside. Schmid's (1960) article on acquired cutaneous porphyria in Turkey is abstracted, although Cihad Çam's original observations (1957 onwards) were never noticed. Çam (*sic*) had to switch to French to make first base with his epidemic dermatosis of infants.

The editorial on drug eruptions is excellent and draws attention to the increase in incidence of reactions of photosensitivity.

J.M.

### OPHTHALMOLOGY

*System of Ophthalmology*. Edited by Sir Stewart Duke-Elder. Vol. II. The Anatomy of the Visual System. By

Sir Stewart Duke-Elder, G.C.V.O., F.R.S. and Kenneth C. Wybar, B.Sc., M.D., Ch.M. F.R.C.S. Pp. xxii+901. 842 illustrations and 3 coloured plates. R13.00. London: Henry Kimpton. 1961.

This second volume of Duke-Elder's *System of Ophthalmology*, which will replace the *Textbook of Ophthalmology*, deals with ophthalmic anatomy. Here anatomy and function are brilliantly interwoven.

True to the literary style of the 'old master', it chats anatomy with the reader. The subject is brought to life and becomes vitally interesting.

This volume covers ophthalmic anatomy in its entirety, both gross and microscopic, and their relation to function. The printing and colour illustrations are excellent. There is little reviewing necessary except to say that it maintains the high standard that the world has learnt to expect from Duke-Elder.

It will find its place in medical book-shelves and libraries all over the world without any prompting.

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