

BOOK REVIEW: ORTHOPTICS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

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The transactions of the Third International Orthoptic Congress are published under the title of *Orthoptics, Past, Present, Future*, which was the theme of the Congress. The publication contains most of the papers presented at that meeting and for this reason alone it is a worthwhile addition to the library of any orthoptist or ophthalmologist interested in strabismus and related topics. It does not, any more than the Congress did, quite live up to its title. A few of the contributors may have briefly mentioned the historical background of their subject and a few postulated on the future of orthoptics but most, and rightly so, concentrated on the present.

A few subjects had special attention at this Congress, attracting several contributions from scientists, ophthalmologists and orthoptists. These subjects included stereopsis, amblyopia (especially its neurophysiology), penalisation, nystagmus, dysthyroid eye disease, prisms, intermittent exotropia, small angle esotropia and microtropia. Many of these papers are thought-provoking, especially those on stereopsis and amblyopia.

This Congress also demonstrated many of the newer areas of interest to orthoptists. Papers by orthoptists include areas of pure research and others show interest in ocular motility problems in dysthyroid eye disease, cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, mentally handicapped children, cranio-facial dysostosis and specific learning difficulties. These should be of interest to orthoptists hoping to widen the scope of their work.

The book is a credit to the editors, Sally Moore and Lynn Stockbridge from U.S.A. and Joyce Mein from the U.K. and is well produced (Symposia Specialists - Miami). It is also reasonably priced at \$19.95 (U.S. dollars) from Stratton Intercontinental Book Corp., 381 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

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