

to you for endoscopic examination of which you do not see the necessity, yet you feel it your duty to make the examination because the physician has promised the patient that that will be the procedure at the consultation. It is a great instrument and its use should be encouraged, but its abuse is one of the things that we should learn to recognize. There are many other points that the writer could comment on, but we feel that it is superfluous. When we say that there is no other work in the English language that handles the subject so completely we have fully covered the ground. It is a volume that all physicians and surgeons should possess.

### **Some Problems of Presbyopia.**

At the Ophthalmological Section of the American Medical Association Dr. George M. Gould, of Philadelphia, presented the following statements based on his experience:

1. In oncoming presbyopia cycloplegia generally necessary to obtain the static refraction on which the presbyopia is based.

2. Age at which correction should be first given depends on the pre-existing refractive error.

3. Correction of error often dependent on amblyopia from disease.

4. Less accommodation may condition the amount of presbyopic error.

5. Onset of presbyopia may be delayed by hypertrophied accommodation.

6. Age of correction of presbyopia and degree of error depend on amount of near work.

7. Presbyopes who misstate age may suffer if oculist does not detect error.

8. Occupation may necessitate higher and earlier correction than usual.

9. Quality and power of light must be considered.

10. Position of body and head in near work may be harmful.

11. Effect of general health, vitality, vigor of will and of body.

12. Failure to cure reflexes of eyestrain may be due to want of bifocals.

13. Eye glasses being more prone to maladjustment than spectacles may cause failure to relieve symptoms or sequels of eyestrain.

14. Premature presbyopia, possibly years before usual age, may explain failure to relieve symptoms when none of the preceding causes will do so.

15. Systemic disease, and not presbyopia or eyestrain, may cause symptoms. The writer reported a number of cases illustrating his argument. He uses cycloplegics up to the age of sixty.

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