This volume, which is the first devoted entirely to the eye, contains seven sections—comparative anatomy of non-vertebrates by H. Kahmann of Munich, anatomical data and measurements of the eyes of man and animals by S. Oppenheim of Lautrach, embryology of the vertebrate eye by C. Dejean and F. Granel of Montpellier, descriptive anatomy of the eye by K. Steindorff, the pupil of vertebrates by J. Nordmann of Strasbourg, the intra-ocular pressure and the vascular pressures of the eye by K. W. Ascher.

The book follows the pattern of its predecessors and is a factual summary arranged in tabular form of the results of researches in the literature. It is, of course, a mine of information drawn from an enormous variety of sources with bibliographical references and is an immense time-saver for the research student. Its value, however, would be enhanced manifold if an index were appended.

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CLINICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY (for General Practitioners and Students)

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

DEAR SIRs,—That my little book should have shocked your reviewer is gratifying, but as an old teacher for many years of ophthalmoscopy to under- and post-graduates I regret that the shock should have been so severe as to lead him to infer (surely a *non sequitur*!) that the medical students of Edinburgh are discouraged in the use of the ophthalmoscope. The scope and limitations of the book are set forth in the preface—why emphasise further that which is already adequately dealt with in existing works?

Sincerely yours,

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