BOOK REVIEW

Henry Kimpton, London. Pp. 304, 211 illus., 33 col. plates. (42s.).

This book, first published in 1947, makes a welcome re-appearance in its second edition. The author has taken the opportunity to amplify the bibliographies at the end of the chapters and to make minor corrections. The method of arranging the book remains unchanged, the first four chapters being devoted to methods of examination and a general review of the anatomy of the eye and orbit. In the next four chapters the development of the eye is treated comprehensively, and the developmental anomalies and congenital abnormalities of the globe and its associated structures are described. Retrolental fibroplasia, interest in which has recently increased, has been included amongst the congenital abnormalities of intra-ocular structures not visible by external examination.

A chapter on the ocular complications and sequelae of general diseases is followed by a detailed consideration of methods of treatment of ocular conditions in childhood. Squint and its treatment are fully covered in a section of five chapters. The remainder of the book gives an account of the commoner diseases of the eye, orbit, and lacrimal apparatus, and these are classified anatomically. In the chapter on juvenile glaucoma, reference is made to the treatment of this condition by goniotomy.

The author takes full advantage of his long experience of ophthalmic problems, especially of such of these as affect children, and introduces into the text some of his personal opinions, which add to the interest and value of its teaching. The reader will be able to find mention of all but the rarer abnormalities and diseases of the eyes in children, and should he wish further to pursue his studies, he will find in the bibliography a number of recent references for his guidance. The production is excellent, and the text is adequately illustrated.

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