BOOK REVIEWS


The ophthalmological world owed a considerable debt to Meyer Wiener for summarizing the literature of the specialty during the years war from 1940 to 1946 in two very useful volumes; he has increased this debt by editing, along with A. E. Maumenee, the first volume of what is intended as the first of a series of quadrennial reviews. The main branches of the subject have each been assigned to an author of distinction and the result is half a volume summarizing the main advances in ophthalmology from July, 1946 to the present time. The summaries are short but authoritative and the selected bibliographies are useful. We say "half a volume", for the second half is devoted to a similar review of progress in the study of the ear, nose, and throat. It is true that in some communities where medicine is still evolving the two specialties may be combined by the same practitioner; but it seems unfortunate that members of more advanced communities practising either specialty should be compelled to acquire a book of twice the necessary size and cost.


These transactions have been made the subject of individual abstracts which will appear in the March, 1953, issue of Ophthalmic Literature.

Journal de Génétique Humaine

The first journal in the French language to be devoted to Human Genetics has just appeared under the title of "Journal de Génétique Humaine". Published quarterly by Editions Médecine et Hygiène, Geneva, Switzerland, it is addressed to all doctors, biologists, anthropologists, and others who may be interested in problems relating to the study of heredity in man. The creation of such a journal was since long overdue, considering the great development and importance to medicine and biology of this branch of science.

The committee of editors is composed of three leading physicians and geneticists, Professor A. Franceschetti (Director of the University Ophthalmological Clinic, Geneva), Professor L. Van Bogaert (Director of the Neuro-Pathological Department of the Institut Bunge, Antwerp), and Maurice Lamy (Professor of Human Genetics of the Medical Faculty, Paris). The committee is also assured of the collaboration of many other scientists from many countries.