BOOK REVIEWS


The eighth edition of this book has been revised to include a number of advances in treatment and techniques. Within its limited compass, the authors maintain as a feature of the book, all the common eye diseases receive at least a brief mention, and included in the present edition are retrolental fibroplasia and toxoplasmosis.

It is probably true to say that there are few books written which completely fulfil the purpose for which they are intended, and in a book primarily planned for the undergraduate exceptional care has to be taken to lead him along the right lines. The brief and guarded reference to the history of the patient in the chapter on examination of the eyes tends to detract from the importance of what is, to many clinicians, the foundation stone of their investigation. In the table differentiating between the two main types of glaucoma and iritis, haloes, pain, and misty vision are included with the symptoms of chronic (non-congestive) glaucoma, and a shallow anterior chamber is included as a feature of this condition. The description of glaucoma, both in this table and in the chapter on the same subject, makes use of the old nomenclature. The chapter on ophthalmic operations reminds one of how rarely the undergraduate student takes advantage of his opportunities to see these operations for himself, and it is to be hoped that the descriptions given of the more common operative procedures will interest him in visiting the operating theatre. Included at the end of the book is a chapter on ophthalmic prescribing, and an appendix giving the visual standards for the armed forces and for the civil service. Illustrations and coloured plates adequately supplement the text, and improvements have been incorporated without any significant increase in the size of the edition.

Although intended for the undergraduate student and general practitioner, the ground covered is rather in excess of the needs of either, and the book could to advantage be read selectively or used for reference. Sufficient detail is included to interest the early post-graduate student, and this volume will give him a simple and systematic introduction to ophthalmology.


This is a sound and readable short handbook on ophthalmology for medical students, dealing with the subject in a systematic manner. The volume is well produced, and the illustrations numerous and excellent; it in every way fulfils the function of a book of this type.

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