

Book reviews

Aspects of Neuro-ophthalmology. Edited by S. I. DAVIDSON. 1974. Pp. 182, figures, references. Butterworths, London (£6.80)

This book includes contributions by leading British ophthalmologists on subjects related to neuro-ophthalmology. Three of the seven chapters are mainly concerned with paediatric ophthalmology and two with the optic and ocular motor nerves, and one contains useful tips for visual field assessment. The chapters are well written, informative, and amply illustrated with particular emphasis on methods of investigation and treatment. A short bibliography is included at the end of each chapter.

As the book deals chiefly with the 'ophthalmic' spectrum of neuro-ophthalmology—there are no chapters specifically related to intracranial disorders involving the visual, sensory, or ocular motor systems—ophthalmologists will derive the most benefit from it. *M. D. Sanders*

Ophthalmology. Principles and Concepts. By F. W. NEWELL and J. T. ERNEST. 3rd ed., 1974. Pp. 528, 270 figs, bibl. Mosby, St Louis; Kimpton, London (£9.25)

This book is a masterpiece of condensation, compressing a vast compass of knowledge within its modest extent. For such an achievement a certain price has to be paid; the tightly knit dogmatic style has been well constructed but it requires an equal concentration on the part of the reader, and soon tires. The broad range of the subject matter, which covers basic sciences, clinical examination, and disease of the eye both locally and in relation to systemic disease, has entailed a high degree of selectivity, so that considerable detail is included on some topics, while other matters, which might rank for inclusion at the same level, are omitted. As a matter of policy, surgical techniques and specialized investigations are mentioned where appropriate but not elaborated upon.

The authors have done excellent work in writing what is almost a short encyclopaedia of ophthalmology, with a mass of modern knowledge which can only have resulted from constant interaction with the staff of their department. The book is too detailed and compressed to be commended as a standard text to the undergraduate, but will be of great value to the postgraduate student and teacher, both for concise reference and for its distinctive unifying views, by which the authors show their own clear grasp of the fundamental principles and concepts in ophthalmology. *D. W. Hill*

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Advances in Retinal Diseases

A symposium to honour the late Professor A. E. Krill

This symposium will be held on January 24 and 25, 1975, at Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., under the sponsorship of The Department of Ophthalmology of The University of Chicago and the Krill Memorial Fund.

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