Book reviews

Common Eye Diseases and their Management. By N R GALLOWAY. Pp. 278. £27.25. Springer-Verlag: Berlin. 1985.

This must surely be the easiest-to-read textbook of ophthalmology in publication. The clearly written text is very suitable for the readership it is intended for, namely medical students and colleagues in other specialties.

The author first describes the basic steps in the examination of the eye. The reader is then taken through a range of common primary eye care problems, with the emphasis on their management by the non-specialist. The discussion of surgical procedures is kept to a minimum, with most space being given to non-surgical ophthalmic problems. These are described in nine chapters and include 'The ageing eye,'

'The child's eye,' 'The systemic disease and the eye,' and 'Neurophthalmology.' The text is not referenced; however, suggestions for further reading are given at the end of most sections.

The black-and-white illustrations are clear and well chosen and the clinical figures interspersed with amusing cartoons. The fundus photographs, however, suffer as a result of poor reproduction and the lack of colour. One serious omission is the absence of discussion of the afferent pupillary defect, a sign which is so important for the medical student and the non-specialist to be able to recognise. In conclusion, this book should be read by every general practitioner, and with the increasing attention being given to ophthalmology in the medical school curriculum it should be read by every medical student.

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Notes

Study grants

Glaucoma Group Travel Fellowship. Sponsored by Merck Sharp and Dohme, this will assist a visit to a hospital or research centre during the academic year starting 1 October 1986. The award will be equivalent to £1500. The purpose of the award is to enable the successful applicant to gain experience and knowledge in pursuit of a specific project related to glaucoma.

Glaucoma Group Research Grant. Sponsored by International Glaucoma Association, this will be available for a clinically orientated research project related to glaucoma for 1986. The award will be equivalent to £2500. It may be used towards salary or project expenses or for buying equipment.

Both these awards are available to medical graduates and non-medical scientists resident in the United Kingdom or Eire. They may be held concurrently with other awards. A curriculum vitae should be sent with information on the

applicant's research project and details of proposed visit (preferably with confirmation from the centre(s) visited) to: Dr S Nagasubramanian, Glaucoma Group Secretary, Glaucoma Unit, Moorfields Eye Hospital, High Holborn, London WC1V 7AN. The closing date for applications is 14 June 1986. The successful candidate will be informed by August 1986.

Elected FRS

Mr N Harold L Ridley has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. Mr Ridley was formerly honorary consultant surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital and at St Thomas's Hospital, London. He is distinguished in particular for his innovative and highly successful treatment of blindness caused by cataract using inert acrylic implants to replace the lens of the human eye.