Book review

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Genetics and Ophthalmology

This is a concise, accurate, and easily readable book which is a welcome addition to those already available on genetics and ophthalmology. Ophthalmologists, and particularly those in training, will find it a useful guide to the many genetically determined disorders in which the eye is involved. Geneticists will find it a useful reference book as long as an accurate diagnosis has been made. Most of the genetically determined ocular disorders are mentioned, and there are useful references and suggestions for further reading at the end of each chapter.

As an introduction to the subject this is the best book available, but its conciseness will limit its usefulness for genetic counselling. To give two examples, the short sections on microphthalmos and on retinitis pigmentosa would provide little help to a geneticist faced with a sporadic case of either condition but, in fairness, both these topics would require many pages to do them justice.

This book can be recommended to every ophthalmologist and geneticist in training, and will be a useful addition to their libraries.

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Announcement

THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF HUMAN GENETICS
The 24th Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Tokyo from 3-5 November 1979. For information write to the General Secretary: Associate Professor S. Takemura, Institute of Brain Research, University of Tokyo School of Medicine, 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyoiku, Tokyo 113, Japan.