The Anatomy of the Ocular Adnexa by Frederick A. Mausolf. 1975. Springfield, Illinois. Charles C. Thomas. \$5.50.

This fifty page soft cover book is designed for the ophthalmologist with a particular interest in the anatomy of the orbit.

The book opens with a chapter dealing with the bony anatomy of the orbit. This is followed by a step by step description of the dissection of the orbit and its contents.

The final chapter deals with the lacrimal drainage system.

The book should prove to be of particular use to the anatomy student studying the orbit in the anatomy room but it should also serve as a useful reference work for the ophthalmologist, neurosurgeon and plastic surgeon embarking on orbital surgery.

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A Practical Approach to Pediatric Endocrinology by George E. Bacon, Martha L. Spencer, Robert P. Kelch (Univ. of Michigan). 1975. London. Year Book Medical Publishers. Lloyd-Luke. £6.00

This book is intended, as its title suggests, to be a practical guide for the house-officer, senior student or non-endocrinologist physician. It assumes a reasonable knowledge of general medicine and of endocrine concepts by the reader, and spends little time on theoretical disorders.

Topics are dealt with in terms of differential diagnosis of syndrome complexes (e.g. 'abnormal growth'; 'obesity') rather than as didactic chapters on organ diseases. There are useful, up-to-date references for each chapter, and an appendix at the end of each chapter details and techniques for performing the various kinetic tests of endocrine function dealt with in that chapter.

The spectrum of endocrine disorders seen by the pediatrician differs of course from the adult endocrine experience, having a greater proportion of genetic and congenital disorders, hormone-resistant states, enzyme abnormalities, chromosomal aberrations and so on. Disorders such as hypoglycemia have different indices of probabilities in their differential diagnosis. The book illustrates this well, and deals with the diagnosis and investigation of endocrine disorders specifically from a pediatric viewpoint.

Though perhaps at £6.00 for a paperback of 240 odd pages it is a little expensive, it is a very useful supplement to the large definitive text-books of endocrinology, and is to be recommended even—dare I say it—for an endocrinologist.

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CORRECTION

A STUDY OF PATIENTS WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME AT STEWART'S HOSPITAL, DUBLIN

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