

look about them. To many readers, however, Professor Harris' review of the present position of human biochemical genetics will be an equal, perhaps even greater, attraction. It is wide ranging, covering the hæmoglobin and haptoglobin polymorphisms as well as biochemical disorders in a very informative way, with an extensive list of references. It provides a most useful summary of the present situations in this branch of genetics and one which the non-specialist will find eminently readable. We are indebted to Professor Harris for this publication.

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