BOOK REVIEWS

Gouty Arthritis and Gout. By T. E. Weiss and A. Segaloff. 1959. Pp. 221, 58 figs, bibl., index. Thomas, Springfield, Ill.; Blackwell, Oxford. (60s.)

To quote from the preface "This compilation of theories, facts, clinical observations, pathology, treatment, and extensive bibliography was undertaken to furnish the student, clinician, and investigator with a usable reference on gout." The text is readable, well illustrated, and up to date. Each chapter can be read on its own, which is useful for reference, although at the cost of appearing somewhat repetitious to the reader who follows the whole text through. The authors' own experience of 280 patients with gout enlivens the chapter on clinical finding and complications. An extensive bibliography (394 references) is well reviewed and covers almost all the relevant literature in the English language. (Only nine references are made to papers in German or French.) There are one or two topics—such as the prevalence of gout and hyperuricaemia—which are not mentioned and there are occasional textual errors (for

example "rarer" instead of newer (p. 51, line 6)). But these are minor defects. The authors have stated their object and have achieved it, and in doing so have given us a first-rate book on gout.

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Radiodiagnostic en rhumatologie. 400 images de base.

By S. de Seze, A. Djian, and M. Phankim-Chapuis. 1960. 188 pp., 400 figs. Expansion Scientifique, Paris. (30 N.F.)

This loose-leaf collection of 400 small reproductions of radiographs of diseases of interest in rheumatology is intended for students of the subject and should prove of some value. Most of the illustrations make their point, but reduction in size, and reversal of normal white on black, lack verisimilitude. Advertising matter on every page mars an otherwise good idea and an attractive presentation.

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X INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF RHEUMATOLOGY

Rome, 1961

The Tenth International Congress of Rheumatology will be held in Rome on September 4 to 7, 1961, under the presidency of Prof. L. Villa.

Those who wish to contribute a paper to the scientific sessions are asked to submit to the Scientific Committee by December 31, 1960, the title and a 200-word summary in triplicate (with an English and French translation). There will be simultaneous translation at the congress into English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish.

All requests for general information should be addressed to the General Secretary of the Congress,

Prof. C. B. Ballabio, Clinica Medica Generale, Via F. Sforza 35, Milano, Italy.

For scientific information and particulars of the exhibition of rheumatological literature, please write to Prof. Alessandro Robecchi, Centro di Reumatologia dell'Ospedale San Giovanni Battista, Corso Bramante 88, Torino, Italy.

For information concerning the location of the Congress, the exhibition of scientific material, and accommodation, please write to Prof. Tomaso Lucherini, Istituto di Reumatologia del l'Università IX Padiglione, Policlinico Umberto I, Rome, Italy.