The book is well printed and lavishly illustrated; and though the price is high which is inevitable in these days, the investment will be found well worth while; it can be strongly recommended to all who are concerned with the study and treatment of rheumatic diseases.

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Conferences Cliniques de Rhumatologie Pratique.

By François Francon. 1946. Vigot Frères. Paris. Pp. 386. No price given.

More than a quarter of a century has passed since Dr. François Francon started to practise in Aix les Bains. He is Vice-President of the French Ligue Française contre le Rhumatisme, a research worker, and a physician whose interests have embraced the social as well as the clinical aspects of his chosen subject, rheumatism.

This new book, written primarily for the general practitioner, is practical in its outlook. From among the diverse conditions that may be included in the term "rheumatism" he has taken certain fairly well-defined clinical pictures and, in simple terms, described their main clinical features and pathology, and detailed the treatment that his rich

and varied experience has taught him to consider as the best available. Unlike many French authors he has read widely, and is familiar with, the work of his British and American colleagues. All who are interested in the rheumatic diseases will learn something from his description of rheumatism affecting the shoulder, and of brachial neuritis and stenosing tenosynovitis. His description of Looser's syndrome, with its diffuse pains, paraesthesiae, and crippling, the multiple fractures seen in the radiographs, and the rapid clinical improvement that follows rest, adequate diet, calcium gluconate, vitamin D, and irradiation with ultra-violet light, is based on a larger series of patients than anyone has studied in this country. The author discusses without bias the indications for spa treatment, and the part that the spa can play in the treatment and prevention of the rheumatic diseases. In brief, in this—his latest—book, Dr. Francon has given of his best; he has discarded that which his clinical experience has led him to believe to be of little value, and has set an example which might be followed with profit by some of those who are writing, or have a yearning to write, a book on rheumatism.

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NUFFIELD MEDICAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR ADVANCED TRAINING IN CHRONIC RHEUMATISM

The Nuffield Foundation is prepared to award a few fellowships to enable some suitably qualified medical men and women to obtain advanced training in chronic rheumatism. So far as possible, the amount of any award and the conditions attached to it will be adapted to the need of the recipient having regard to the purpose for which these fellowships are offered. Normally the annual value of a fellowship will be between £500 and £800. In the event of a Fellow being required to travel abroad to obtain special experience or study facilities, the Foundation will pay the travelling expenses involved in addition to the award. A fellowship will be awarded for one year, but may be renewed for a second.

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