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and young practitioner at a price to fit their pockets. It will however, serve medical men at all stages in their career as a bridge between their medical science and the old-established truths of the humanities.

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SHORTER NOTICES

Medicin-Doctor und Chorherr Johann Heinrich Rahn, 1749-1812. Ursula von Schulthess. Ein Beitrag zur Medizingeschichte der Schweizerischen Aufklärung. Inaugural-Dissertation . . . Medizinischen Fakultät der Universität Zürich. Winterthur: P. G. Keller, 1959; pp. 132. Illustrated.

Johann Heinrich Rahn practised medicine in his native city of Zürich where he also taught physics in the gymnasium. He was the founder of a number of philanthropic and medical societies such as the Institut Medico-Chirurgical. In 1799 he was elected a member of the Swiss national assembly. Rahn was the editor of several medical periodicals of the period, in particular the *Gazette de Santé*, Zürich [1782-5], the *Archiv gemeinnütziger physischer und medicinische Kenntnisse* [1787-91] and the *Museum der Heilkunde* [1792-7].

Amerikanische Medizin von europäern Beurteilt. Felix Uhl. Inaugural-Dissertation . . . Medizinischen Fakultät der Universität Zürich. Horn, Austria: F. Berger, 1959; pp. 59.

This study of European observations on medical conditions in America has a chapter on the eighteenth century which records the opinions of Johann David Schöpff, a surgeon serving with the German forces engaged in the War of Independence. The main emphasis of the work, however, is on the period between 1880 and 1938. There is a full bibliography of 63 references to publications by Continental authors.

Revue Lyonnaise de Médecine. Lyon et la médecine, 43 av. J. C., 1958. Lyon, 1958; pp. 374, 1 l. Illustrated.

The city of Lyons was founded in 43 B.C. when the Romans built a fort at the confluence of the rivers Rhône and Saône and to celebrate this second millennium the *Revue Lyonnaise de Médecine* has published an excellently produced special number. All aspects of medical history are covered and there are sections on the development of pharmacy, veterinary medicine and dentistry in the locality. Articles on the medical publishing at Lyons in the sixteenth century, on the assassination of President Carnot in 1894, and on the Musée d'Histoire de la Médecine indicate the wide variety of interest in this volume.

F. M. S.

Ein Leben für die Orthopädie. Erinnerungen. . . . Fritz Lange. Stuttgart: F. Enke, 1959; pp. vii, 211. Illustrated.

The author, founder of the orthopaedic clinic at Munich, has made many original contributions to his specialty, notably in the wiring of vertebrae, in the transplantation of tendons, and in the use of celluloid for foot supports. In 1930 he published a monograph on the orthopaedics of poliomyelitis.

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Das Leben grosser Musiker im Spiegel der Medizin. Schubert, Chopin, Mendelssohn . . . unter Mitarbeit von Erika Franken. Franz Hermann Franken. Stuttgart: F. Enke, 1959; 4 ll., pp. 99.

All three composers died at an early age and their medical histories are investigated in detail. Excellent bibliographies are provided for each section.

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Professor G. E. Trease has published in *Nottingham Mediaeval Studies* a very substantial article dealing with the Spicers and Apothecaries attached to the Royal household during the reigns of Henry III, Edward I and Edward II. To support his facts he has printed some new documents from the Public Record Office and added an appendix with explanatory notes on the various drugs mentioned in them. This study could very well serve as a model for further explorations in the same subject.

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