FRACTURES AND LUXATIONS. Diagnostic-Pronostic-Traitement: Collection publiée sous la direction du Professeur C. LIAN. By Paul MATHIEU. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. 212, with 103 figures. Index. 1958. Paris: L'Expansion Scientifique Française. Price 1,500 francs.

Prospective writers of text-books on trauma might well benefit from reading this excellent little book. It is a very good example of what can be done without the shiny paper and expensive reproductions so popular in most orthopaedic books today. This paper-backed monograph is really a traumatic "Penguin." It has 201 pages of information with over 100 excellent line drawings illustrating types of injury and treatment. Every common form of fracture and dislocation is described. Each condition is considered under three headings—Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment. There is very little to criticise. There are one or two errors in the diagrams: for instance, on page 181 the illustration of the displacement in a fracture-dislocation of the spine is the exact opposite to what is usually found,

and on page 138 an adduction fracture of the ankle has been wrongly labelled. In every case a sound line of treatment is indicated, and, although one might differ in the emphasis laid on certain forms of treatment, these are only differences of surgical opinion and in no way detract from the excellence of the whole book. However, some of these should be mentioned because they demonstrate the different surgical approach on the Continent. For instance, the use of an abduction frame for the treatment of a simple fracture of the shaft of the humerus is hardly the accepted method of choice in this country. Similarly, calcaneal traction for closed oblique fractures of the shaft of the tibia is not popular here. The book is essentially a guide for the medical student, casualty house surgeon and general practitioner who has to deal with fractures. For the established surgeon it could prove a useful basis for undergraduate teaching in trauma. It is to be hoped that we shall soon see an edition in English.—J. N. WILSON.

TUMORS OF THE SOFT SOMATIC TISSUES. A Clinical Treatise. By George T. PACK, M.D., LL.D., F.A.C.S., Attending Surgeon, Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, Cornell University Medical College, New York; and Irving M. ARIEL, M.D., F.A.C.S., Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery and Associate Attending Surgeon, New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, New York. With fifteen collaborating authors. $10\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pp. xvi + 820, with 652 figures, 109 tables and 14 charts. Index. 1958. London, Toronto, Melbourne, Sydney and Wellington: Cassell and Company Limited. Price £11, 11s.

The present book fills a rather surprising gap in medical literature: at last we have an authoritative general work of reference on soft-tissue tumours. The senior author, Dr George T. Pack, has been associated for many years with the Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases in New York: the