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This seems unquestionably the best medical treatise on miraculous cures written up to the present time, and, if most of the cases reported are from the Lourdes Shrine, it is because Doctor Leuret is former president of the Medical Bureau and Scientific Studies at Lourdes. His co-author, Doctor Henri Bon, is a noted contributor to French medical literature.

By happy chance, this book, as well as the outstanding one on Lourdes by the late Ruth Cranston, a non-Catholic, appears on the eve of the centenary celebration. It seems to have been the providential antidote to the misapplication by materialists, sparked by Darwin's "Origin of Species," published one year later (1859).

The translators have succeeded admirably in avoiding the "bugs" and translational nuances which so often mar medical translation into English.

The many case histories of miraculous cures are well and technically described, with the method by which the diagnosis of a miraculous cure is arrived at, both, from the Church's procedure in the investigation of the cures. Examples are also given of false cures.

The book presents a fascinating technical study of its subject and suggests that no examinations of greatness may say, classical, miracles have helped to show present anthropomorphic limits and rise above the level of the sort of laws laid down dogmatically by the nineteenth-century scientists, which are now out of date.

Physicians, medical students and nurses will enjoy this book and profit by it.

Its factual descriptions of occurring phenomena, which are as often misrepresented as they are misunderstood, make it an invaluable adjunct to our necessarily imperfect understanding of the miraculous.

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After roll call, the president requested vote on the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, June 4, 1957, in New York, N. Y. as mailed by the central office, dispensing with the reading thereof. Approved as mailed.

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