

Luisa By J. T. Dove. Gweru, Mambo Press, 1989, 115 pp., Z\$14, 65.

Luisa agli Amici: Raccolta di Lettere della Dott. Luisa Guidotti della Missione di All-Souls [L. Orzetti], Modena, privately, 1980, 23 pp., available on request from San Domenico, Via 3 Febbraio, Modena.

The first booklet is a biography of Dr Luisa Guidotti Mistrali who worked until her death in 1979 on All Souls Mission near Mutoko. She also was associated for a time with the nearby Mutemwa Leprosy Settlement under John Bradburne — the subject of two earlier biographical studies by the Revd J. T. Dove (reviewed *ante* (1987), XIV, 157–8). The second is a collection of Dr Guidotti's letters to Lucia Orzetti and other friends, the main points of which are incorporated in *Luisa*.

Although Dove's book faithfully and admiringly charts Dr Guidotti's career and good works, the author fails to give any real impression of her personality, whereas in the case of Bradburne he was highly successful. There is also a great difference in the author's handling of the death of his two subjects. Whereas his description of Bradburne's death at the hands of the local population not only was sensitive and moving but also had the ring of truth, his description of Dr Guidotti's shooting at a turn-off at the hands of the Rhodesian security forces is unconvincing. Nevertheless, it is useful to have this account of a saintly victim of the war.

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Law and Medicine in Zimbabwe By G. Feltoe and T. J. Nyapadi. Harare, Baobab in association with the Legal Resources Foundation, 1989, xvii, 141 pp., ISBN 0-908311-08-7, Z\$20,00.

This is a very useful handbook giving a wide coverage of what any health-care practitioner needs to know — even including details of contract and employment of such practitioners. It is a book to be consulted rather than read at a sitting but the section on reported legal cases adds to the interest. It would have been even more interesting and useful if more had been said of the ethics of medicine that lie behind the law and possibly might conflict with particular laws; but this would possibly have required the participation of a medical practitioner to contribute personal knowledge and experience — a feature which enlivened the late Professor Gelfand's book, *Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine* (Edinburgh, E. and S. Livingstone, 1968), which the authors might well have cited and used.

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