

in the series *British Men of Science*, and other works describing historical influences on tropical medicine. This first edition of Patrick Manson was recently donated to the library archives of the Australasian College of Tropical Medicine (ACTM). It is inscribed 'To the ACTM: (signed) Prof. J. M. Goldsmid, President, ACTM, 1998–2000'.

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A Companion of the History of Medicine in Australia 1788–1939. By A. J. Proust (available from the author, 10/38 National Circuit, Forrest, ACT 2603, \$25.00 inc. P&P within Australia; ISBN 0 646-42592-7)

A CHRONOLOGICAL GUIDE TO AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL HISTORY THAT IS INTERPRETATIVE in style has long been needed. This fine book, *A Companion of the History of Medicine in Australia 1788–1939*, fills this much-needed gap. It fulfils the expectations of all who know the scholarship and attention to detail of its author, the consultant physician and historian, Dr Tony Proust.

This is an ideal book for those who seek a manageable text that gives an overview of the history of medicine in Australia, and for those who need a reliable text for concise yet informative reference. It contains biographic sections for those who seek a name, of which there are 300 in the index. There are sections on the evolution and patterns of the significant diseases in Australian history—including tuberculosis, mining diseases and maternal mortality—and on naval and military medicine and convict medicine. Important aspects of medical research in Australia in the nineteenth century are also covered. The 'Chronology of Australian Medical History—Milestones' is of particular value.

This book is a 'must' for anyone with an interest in the history of health in Australia, and the changes both in the medical and nursing professions, and in society more generally, which have been influenced by it.

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