

many of his facts. Indeed, one third of the book is made up of appendices and notes. There is also a useful map and a very useful chronology at the start of the book.

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*Annotated Bibliography for the History of Medicine & Health in New Zealand.* Compiled by Derek Dow. Hocken Library, University of Otago, Dunedin, 1994. 322 pp. NZ price: \$39.50. ISBN 0-902041-59-2.

THIS IS THE FIRST bibliography of published works on the history of medicine and health in New Zealand. As such, it will be an extremely useful guide to sources for Honours students and thesis writers researching in the social history of medicine, as well as a guide to lists of readings for the undergraduate courses that have recently been established in this field. There are sections on social welfare, public health, demography and geriatrics, Maori health, women's health, children's health, hospitals, communicable diseases, mental health and handicap, the medical and nursing professions, alternative medicine and ancillary services, and an additional section on the Cook Islands. Dow has also included local and general histories, biographies, autobiographies and other bibliographies that contain relevant material.

Dow has adopted an inclusive philosophy. His bibliography includes unpublished theses and research essays (at least those available in university libraries), which comprise 10% of the listed sources and are themselves an essential guide to this growing local body of scholarship. A promotion point is that this is an annotated bibliography; most annotations are brief, consisting of one sentence, but useful. Archival sources are excluded. For reference to these (unpublished) sources, the reader still needs to consult Frank Rogers, *Archives New Zealand, 3, Medicine and Public Health*. Whereas this earlier reference is organized by region, on an institutional basis, and is not comprehensive, Dow's complementary work does appear to provide a full list of published sources in the area to the end of 1993.

Readings are arranged by theme. In principle this should make it easier to find a way around the material, but there are peculiarities in the organization which make it easy to overlook sources. Take women and medicine: not only is there a section with this heading (17.2), but there are further sections curiously titled 'Doctors — Female' (22.3) and 'Doctors — Female — Collective' (22.4). Michael Belgrave's article on women in New Zealand medicine in the April 1988 edition of this journal, for instance, is not listed under 'Women and Medicine' but under 'Doctors — Female — Collective', as is a paper on women in New Zealand medicine by R. Wright-St Clair. This suggests, misleadingly, that these articles are merely collections of autobiographies. Belgrave's PhD thesis, "'Medical Men' and 'Lady Doctors'", is not listed in section 17.2 either, but under 'Medical Profession — General' (17.1). Similarly, a researcher of nursing history might be surprised to discover no mention of Pat Sargison's bibliography under 'Nursing Profession' or 'Nurses'; instead this essential source, mentioned in the foreword, is found only under 'Bibliographies'. These oddities of arrangement can be overcome by using the index, which is organized in three parts: an author, a persons and a general index, but the reader has to do the cross-referencing.

Lapses in proof reading show in the title, which differs on the cover from that on the title page, and in that plain type replaces italics in a couple of sections. But Derek Dow deserves thanks for his dogged perusal and compilation of the 1950 citations, while Stuart Strachan is to be praised for assisting and publishing the project. The Hocken Library is exemplary in the support and services that it offers New Zealand historians, especially in opening up new fields of research. This bibliography meets a very real need of researchers and should provide an invaluable starting point for students of medical and health history. It is to be hoped that the historical profession will in turn support the Hocken Library by buying this annotated bibliography of the social history of medicine.

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