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In the preface James Marshall states that it was Robert Simons' intention that this book should contain essays on subjects not covered or which had become dated in his Handbook of Tropical Dermatology and Mycology (1952), but as he died before it was finished James Marshall, himself as a contributor to the original Handbook and to this new volume on request by the publishers completed the work. He says he has seen to it that R. Simons' field of survey was covered and he has added some subjects of his own choosing.

It is not that dermatology in the tropics differs from that elsewhere but environmental factors do influence incidence and distribution of dermatoses.

This volume contains an educative preface and 28 essays. To mention a few names of contributors and their works are S. C. Desai on 'Superficial Mycosis'; R. G. Cochrane on Treatment of Leprosy. An interesting and newly recognised condition is 'Sabra Dermatitis' by J. Shanon & F. Sagher 'Granuloma Multiformae' by D. L. Leiker who was also the first with colleagues to describe the condition in 1964. A. Basset has written on Tropical Phagedenic Ulcer and T. D. Majumdar on Post Kala-azar dermal Leishmaniasis. Lichen Planus Tropicus by M. El. Zawahry is described as a clinical variant of Lichen Planus found in Arab and other countries with a tropical or subtropical climate. Mycetomas, Chromoblastomycosis and Lutz' Mycosis are 3 essays with fresh information on these diseases.

There is a subject index prepared by J. Marshall at the end of the volume. Numerous black and white illustrations decorate almost every essay enabling visual enlightenment.

A possession and study of this work will be amply repaid to any dermatologist wishing to keep abreast of latest themes in the topics.

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