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## Historic Perspective

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## Introduction

To introduce the subject of historic perspective on eczema, the following quote serves nicely:

*Eczema has been rightly called the bête noire of dermatology, and he who fully masters its management is not only skilled in regard to treating one of the most common and distressing of all cutaneous diseases, but has acquired a knowledge of the principles of dermatologic practice which will assist in the treatment of many, if not all, other maladies of the skin.*

L. DUNCAN BULKLEY (*Eczema and its management: A practical treatise based on the study of three thousand cases of the disease, 1881*)