

Doctors Divided

– Medical Societies in Christchurch, 1865-97

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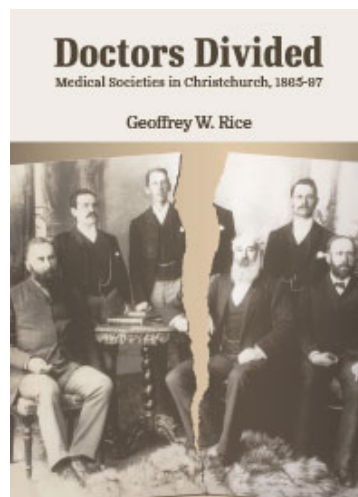
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