OBITUARY


WALTER EDMUNDS, who died on September 23, in his eightieth year, joined the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom at its foundation, and was an active member during the first 10 or 12 years of its existence. His interest in ophthalmology was almost entirely on the pathological side, nearly all his contributions to the Transactions of the Society dealing with post-mortem findings in diseases in which involvement of the optic nerves and retinae occurred. He was associated in some of this work with W. A. Brailly (at that time Curator of the Museum of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital) and Nettleship. His last contribution to the Transactions was a valuable paper on "Experimental Exophthalmos and Enophthalmos." This was a record of work carried on through a series of years at the Brown Institute, where he devoted a great deal of time to experimental investigation. His most important work was on the thyroid and parathyroid glands; and in 1901 he gave the Erasmus Wilson Lectures at the Royal College of Surgeons on the "Pathology and Diseases of the Thyroid Gland."

Edmunds was a cultured man with wide and varied interests, photography and colour-photography being among his hobbies. He was one of the first to attempt photography of the fundus oculi, but the results were not sufficiently satisfactory to induce him to pursue the attempt.

It does not seem apposite to refer to his work in general surgery in this Journal.

Arthur Longley Whitehead

We are indebted to Mr. Harry Lee for the following notice: ARTHUR LONGLEY WHITEHEAD was educated at the Leeds Medical School and spent his whole life in Leeds. He graduated at London University in 1893 and was honoured by the Royal College of Surgeons electing him as a Fellow in 1924. He was appointed on to the Infirmary Staff in 1899 as Assistant-Surgeon to the Ophthalmic and Aural Department and in the same year was appointed to the full staff. In 1912 the two departments were separated and Whitehead and Secker Walker chose to carry on ophthalmic work only. He was Lecturer in Ophthalmology from 1912—1920. He was President of the Ophthalmic Section of the
Royal Society of Medicine 1922—1924; he had also been President of the North of England Ophthalmological Society and the West Riding Medico-Chirurgical Society. I had the good fortune to work with him for 11 years, and during that period found him at all times a most charming and firm friend. His capacity for work was astonishing and his methods of doing it were at all times of the greatest excellence. His operative work was outstanding both in technique and execution, and it was a great privilege to be able to see him at work, and to learn so much from him. Ophthalmology loses a brilliant servant in him. His reputation here and in the North of England was of the very highest order. It only remains to add that during his illness, which was a long and trying one, he showed that fortitude and patience which one would have expected from a man so exact and brilliant at his work.

NOTES

Deaths. We regret to record the death on October 11, 1930, of Harry George Critchley, M.D., D.P.H., of Croydon, and of 145, Harley Street, W.1

As we go to press we learn with much regret of the death of Professor Ernst Fuchs, of Vienna.

Mr. LESLIE PATON was elected Hon. Member of the Sociedad Oftalmológica Hispano-Americana on the occasion of the Society's XVth Congress held at Santiago de Galicia in September.

Royal London
Ophthalmic Hospital
Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner of past and present Students of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital will be held at the Langham Hotel on Thursday, February 12, 1931.

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