work on the treatment of intraocular affections, chiefly iridocyclitis, by means of specially filtered rays from an arc lamp.

As a work of reference the book will be most useful, and its value in this respect is greatly enhanced by an excellent bibliography.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The British Journal of Ophthalmology

Dear Sir,—A number of years ago an article appeared in an English or American journal dealing with the pharmacology of mydriatic alkaloids, and especially, I think, with atropin and the varying action of different samples. Being at the moment much interested in the last-named subject, namely, the possibility of varying therapeutic action, I shall be greatly indebted to any reader who can help me to find the article in question. I was under the impression that it had appeared in the Lancet, but the Editor of that journal has kindly searched his indices for the ten years, 1907 to 1917, without success. These seem the most probable years but it is possible I am wrong in my estimate of the period.

Yours faithfully,

33, Snowdon Place, Stirling.
March 9, 1925.

ERNEST THOMISON.

OBITUARY NOTICE

RICHARD WILLIAMS, J.P., L.R.C.P.Ed.,

RICHARD WILLIAMS was born in Anglesey in 1845 and died on Friday, February 20, at his residence, Pen-Bre, Upper Bangor.

He qualified in 1870 (after acting as H.S. at the Carmarthen Infirmary he studied ophthalmology in London and Paris), and retired from active practice in 1924, a period of fifty-four years. About thirty-seven years of this were spent in Liverpool as Assistant Surgeon and Surgeon to the Liverpool Eye and Ear Infirmary and Ophthalmic and Aural Surgeon to the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. He left Liverpool in 1910 and continued to practise as an Ophthalmic Surgeon at Bangor, North Wales, until within a few months of his death.

During the most active period of his career Williams held office as President of the Wigan Medical Society and of the North Wales Branch of the British Medical Association, and Vice-President of the Liverpool Medical Institution and of the Ophthalm-