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Whether Dr. Reid has this in his mind I do not know; but it is evident that, even so, any influence of these glands is, in the present case as in metabolic processes generally, merely that of catalysts—they cannot be credited with responsibility for the fundamental cause. In the present state of our knowledge, I prefer to view the appeal to the endocrine glands with a large amount of suspicion. They tend to fulfill to the physician that very comfortable rôle of Ever-Available Last Resort that does the appendix to the surgeon and the endometrium to the gynaecologist.

Yours, etc.,

LONDON, W.

May, 1925.

W. S. DUKE-ELDER.

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JOHN FERGUSON CARRUTHERS, M.D.

We regret to announce the death of John Ferguson Carruthers, who took up ophthalmology somewhat late in life. After an adventurous career in many parts of the world, Carruthers qualified as M.D. with honours at Edinburgh. He practised for several years at Revelstoke in British Columbia, where he was Medical Officer of Health. From 1903-5 he studied at Moorfields Eye Hospital, and then took up ophthalmic practice at St. Peter Port, Guernsey. Soon after the outbreak of the war he was appointed Ophthalmic Specialist at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, where he remained till 1922. His duties in this post were extremely arduous, and it cannot be doubted that his unremitting work undermined his health. In 1922, he was appointed Ophthalmic
Specialist at Bagdad in the R.A.F., with the rank of Squadron-Leader, but did not take up the post, and shortly afterwards retired.

Carruthers was a man of wide and varied experience, of good judgment, and utterly reliable in all that he undertook.

NOTES

Among the recipients of honorary degrees conferred by the University of Bristol on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to open the new University Buildings, was Sir John Parsons, F.R.S.

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