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*Mesua* commemorates an Arabic physician and botanist, Johannes Mesue (c.777-c.857) of Damascus, who was first physician to five caliphs and a hospital superintendent in Baghdad. He was a linguist, he oversaw the translation of many scientific works into Arabic and he also established a school of medicine.