

lessness, but the outcome of long and careful preparation and attention to details. He was dexterous to a degree, and always ready to meet the most unlooked-for emergencies with a confidence born of an intimate knowledge of the subject which he had so much at heart. As a teacher he was clear, impressive and enthusiastic. He had the faculty of communicating to his students that intense interest which he himself felt in his work—the best of all evidence of a good teacher. To his many friends, especially those in the profession, his death will come as a deep personal loss. His kindly, gentlemanly ways made him many friends.

His devoted wife and daughter have in the profession in Montreal and elsewhere many sympathisers in their affliction.

RICHARD NORRIS WEBBER, M.D.

By the death of Dr. Webber, which took place on Aug. 11th last, the town of Richmond lost one of its oldest and most respected citizens :

He was born in Concord, Vt., seventy-five years ago, lived in St. Johnsbury and other towns in Vermont, and finally in 1832, came to Stanstead, Que., with his parents, where he received his early education.

In 1844 he commenced the study of medicine in the office of the late Dr. Colby of Stanstead, father of the Hon. C. C. Colby. In 1846, he entered Harvard University and while he was there ether as an anæsthetic was first introduced, and he witnessed in the operating theatre of the Massachusetts General Hospital, the second operation ever performed under ether, the operation being amputation of the lower third of the thigh, the operators being Bigelow and Warren.

He then left Harvard and went to Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., in the fall of 1846, and graduated M.D. in the spring of 1847, the subject of his thesis being Ether Anæsthesia, for which he received great praise from his professors. He came to Richmond in June, 1847, and for fifty years practiced his profession there and in the surrounding country,

His early experience would make the modern graduate quail. There being no roads, horseback was the only means of travel and very often he had to walk miles on foot. He acquired an extensive practice, covering a territory of over 20 miles in every direction from Richmond. He was the poor man's friend and would respond to calls night and day, even when he knew there was no fee in view. For a man of his time he was well up in his profession but preferred the older to the more modern plans of treatment. He possessed an iron constitution and an iron will and usually carried out whatever he