

Dr. Richardson's early years as student and teacher are, to me, so interesting that I feel I should like my old fellow-students, now perhaps living at a distance from Toronto, to hear them also, and with apologies to Dr. Richardson, and assuming the entire responsibility of "telling tales out of school," I give the following very short sketch of the years he spent as medical student, physician, and teacher of anatomy:

Dr. Richardson is a descendant of one of the early settlers in the Province of Upper Canada, his grandfather, after serving under Rodney in the Ramillies, having settled in 1786 in the vicinity of Kingston.

His father was born in that town in 1791, served in the Royal Navy under Commodore Yes, as lieutenant during the war of 1812, lost his arm at the shoulder in the attack upon Oswego, and for many years before his death in 1875, officiated as Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Richardson was born at Presqu'Isle, near Brighton, removed with his family to York in 1826, received his early education at the Grammar School, conducted by Mr. Boyd, father of the present Chancellor Sir John A. Boyd; afterwards in Cazenovia, N.Y., at the Grammar School, connected with Dickenson College, Carlisle, Pa., and finally at the Victoria Seminary, Cobourg, and Upper Canada College, under Dr. McCaul.

He commenced his medical studies in 1841, with Dr. Rolph, then an exile in Rochester, N.Y., his studies being confined to anatomy and surgery, his text-books the "Dublin Dissector" and Sir Astley Cooper's work on "Surgery." His dissections were performed in a room which adjoined his bedroom, and his subjects were sent to him from Toronto by the late Professor H. H. Wright.

In 1843, upon his return home, he entered, as a matriculated student in medicine, King's College University, a special "dispensation" being granted inasmuch as he was not a member of the Church of England.

The only other matriculated student in medicine was Mr. King, nephew of the Professor of Medicine.

Lectures commenced in the fall of 1843, and were delivered in the Parliament Buildings, which were vacant, inasmuch as Parliament had been removed to Kingston. Dr. Richardson was the sole attendant upon Professor Beaumont's lectures on Surgery, both professor and student sitting before the capacious fireplace, in strict academical costume.

In the fall of 1844 he went over to England, and entered as a pupil in Guy's Hospital, London.

It has been stated that he was the first Canadian who went to study in London, but he is unable to say whether Mr. Givins, son