

and lot of his life, his glowing love for country, and his benevolence ; sacred in friendship and inferior to no one in prudence and courtesy ; in the art of medicine skilled as a second Galen ; practised his profession with care, and in the issue, under God, with success. The cottages of the sick poor he visited of his own accord. He treated the sick conscientiously by his remedies.

If a conscientious, learned, trustworthy, benevolent friend should be lamented, pass on wayfarer ! May you be like him in the work of your life ! You will be equally happy in death, equally dear to and lamented by all. Oh, Grief ! Remains of a worth scarce ever to be properly valued, may you rest peacefully in holy repose up to the moment of resurrection and morning of the recompense for the blessed.

The president of the council of Nova Scotia, by Royal Appointment, and lately holding the position of Governor, thus grieving, devotes himself to the memory of a friend always loved by him, with a threefold and fourfold affection."

Alexander Abercrombie came out with Cornwallis, and was employed by the Government as apothecary. In course of time, and perhaps, by necessity, he became a practitioner of medicine, and was, no doubt, fortunate in securing the good-will and friendship of Jonathan Belcher. He obtained a large grant of land in the township of Windsor.

Here, I may observe, that very few of those who came to practice medicine in Nova Scotia during the 18th century, possessed a diploma, or what would now be deemed a legal qualification to practice. In Great Britain to some extent, and very largely in the older colonies of America, those who wished to become physicians or surgeons, obtained the requisite knowledge by being apprenticed for a term of years to prominent medical men. In, however, perhaps not a few instances, men deeming themselves to be endowed with natural gifts to practice the art of medicine, proceeded forthwith, without let or hindrance, to do so.

Very few medical degrees were conferred in America prior to 1800, those who possessed them, in most instances going abroad for the purpose.

Dr. Jonathan Prescott.

Dr. Prescott's memory is perpetuated by his descendants, as well