

always took a deep interest in military affairs, and in 1861 was named Surgeon of the 53rd Battalion, afterwards promoted to the rank of Surgeon-Major, which rank he retained upon his retirement. When the St. Francis Medical Association was first formed he was elected its first president, and to his zeal, to a great extent, was due the organization of the Canada Medical Association. He is said to have been the first surgeon in Canada who performed a capital operation under ether as an anæsthetic and was also among the first to use chloroform.

As the physician and friend of the poor, the late Dr. Worthington was pre-eminently distinguished. This marked trait in his character brought about him a large circle of warm friends. So much admired was the self-sacrificing devotion with which he gave his time and abilities to the needs of poor patients, that it was thought worthy of public recognition, and in 1865 he was presented with a flattering address and a solid silver tea service "from the people and medical men of Sherbrooke and adjoining townships for services to the poor." Some years later he was the recipient of another handsome testimonial in recognition of his efforts in effectually stamping out a prevalent small-pox epidemic.

He was an able writer and had contributed a great many articles for medical periodicals, most of which appeared originally in this JOURNAL, and met with high approbation in the profession—so much so that many of his papers were copied into the medical journals of the United States and Great Britain. During the last few years of his life being almost entirely confined to his house, he employed his leisure time in writing reminiscences of his early student days and sketches of incidents which occurred during his practice of the profession.

His great abilities as a surgeon will be missed in the Eastern Townships and throughout the country—the medical profession has lost one of its brightest ornaments and the poor mourn a good friend.