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DR. JAMES H. RICHARDSON, ONE OF TORONTO'S GRAND
OLD MEDICAL MEN.

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ON the evening of April the fifteenth the former students of Dr. James H. Richardson tendered their old professor a greeting in the form of an oil-portrait of himself, the work of Mr. Dickson Patterson, R.C.A., presented at a dinner given at McConkey's, in celebration of the recent completion of his fiftieth year as teacher of anatomy in Toronto. Never did man deserve the esteem and affection of his army of students more truly than Dr. Richardson. Direct, convincing, thorough and inspiring as a lecturer, as dexterous in his ability to show, if necessary, his skill in using physical force by which to impress his students, as he was gracious in using moral suasion first at all times. A gentleman of the old school, self-contained and self-respecting, he knew to a nicety the value of the oratorical pause, and his silence often meant much to the youth who thought he knew it all.

From the days when I, as a "freshie," sat at Dr. Richardson's feet, learning how fearfully and wonderfully I was made—and that seems but a few years ago—it has frequently been my privilege and very great pleasure to drop in at the old homestead on Clover Hill, and spend a pleasant hour in the doctor's cosy den, and many a time

" Jests went round, and laughs that made
The house-dog answer with his howl,
And kept astir the barn-yard fowl."

And then came tales of his stern pioneer days, when the practice of medicine in Toronto meant all work and no play. The facts of