

SIR ISAAC BROCK

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The Hero of Upper Canada! His fame has been declared so often and in so many different ways. By the tears of the people he gave his life to save, by the pen of his biographers, by the honors paid by his sovereign, by the pages of history, by military despatches, by the column raised by the Province and by the second still more stately column, overlooking the spot where he fell. But what shall we find fresh to say since so many have written and written, too, so well? The first *Life and Correspondence*, by his nephew, F. B. Tupper, written in 1845, the second edition in 1847 with additional material, the sketch by Dent in *Canadian Portraits*, the *Life and Times*, by our old friend, D. B. Read, and the last life by Lady Edgar, with the various histories of Canada by Christie, Kingsford, Hannay, from these you must all be familiar with the life of Sir Isaac Brock, and it would almost seem superfluous to try to say more. My paper will not be a history of his times and consequently of Canada during his life, nor will it be a technical and accurate account of the battles in which he engaged, but what I have been able to glean of Brock himself. I have always tried in an historical paper to introduce little personal items as a relief and thus avoid the deadly dullness which often tries the patience of those attending historical meetings. But after ninety years such personal items are not easy to find, but a few have been gathered from far different sources. More attention has always been given to Brock as a soldier than in any other capacity, but I should like to dwell not only on the man of war, but the statesman, the friend, the brother, the athlete, the student, the man of the world, the Christian, for in all these he shines, and never has the slightest word appeared against his character, in all his chequered career in many lands, whether in his native Isle of Guernsey