

## Obituary

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### SIR JOHN STRUTHERS, M. D., L. L. D.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Sir John Struthers. Professor Struthers was well known to all students of anatomy by the original work he had done in that subject. He was essentially a modern anatomist, one who accepted completely the principles of evolution as expounded by Darwin and others, and who added much to our knowledge of comparative and morphological anatomy. He was well known as an authority on the anatomy of the Cetacea, and his specimens of the rudimentary hind limbs of whales adorn many of the anatomical museums of Great Britain.

Sir John Struthers, in 1884, came out to Canada with the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and met at that time many of the medical men of Canada. His genial manner, his genuineness and earnestness, his love for the subject (anatomy) he was most identified with, impressed all. At the same time he took a great interest in Canada as a country and was much interested in her great possibilities. He was eager to learn all about her medical schools, most of which he visited for the purpose of reporting unofficially their condition to the Medical Council of Great Britain and Ireland of which he was a member. His speech at the great dinner of the Canadian Medical Association, held at the Windsor during the meeting of the British Association, will long be remembered by those who heard it. It was not the least remarkable of the great speeches made on that occasion by our visiting brethren of the British Science Association. Although comparatively an old man when he died, (seventy-six) yet up to the very last he was deeply interested in medical education and hospital reform. He was always in the van and in Edinburgh, where he latterly resided, he was one of the most active reformers on the Board of the Royal Infirmary.

Sir John Struthers was the very best type of a Scotchman, he was determined, cautious, exact, rigid in his conduct and gifted with a strong personality, but beneath all this he had a great fund of human sympathy, and anyone who knew him well could appreciate the kindness of his heart. To his friends, he was always the same, steadfast, loyal, and willing to champion their cause. Those opposed to his views had a very vigorous adversary.

Sir John was born about 1823 and graduated M. D. at Edinburgh University. He was formerly one of the Surgeons of the old Royal In-