

If much of our knowledge, experience and skill is of so ephemeral a character, what gives immortality to any man? Is it not that complex, synthetic aggregation called character? Age or disease plays havoc with every other human attribute, but David's virtues are just as inspiring, and his vices as abhorrent to-day as when he sat on Israel's throne. It was Dr. Richardson's character that elicited the cordial welcome that always greeted him on entering any medical assembly. In his case, heredity, culture and environment, furnished the factors that a masterful will succeeded in moulding into an exceptionally strong, virile character, the outstanding features of which were keenness of intellect, integrity, and a high sense of honor. All his students, and those who enjoyed social intercourse with him, can bear ample testimony to the greatness of his intellectual attainments. No one could impeach his integrity with impunity. Away back in the "seventies" an attempt was made to remove him from his position as jail surgeon and put a political favorite in his place. He had filled the position so efficiently that he felt confident he could not be truthfully assailed, so lost no time in letting his political masters know that his position was impregnable. It was the injustice of the act, not the pecuniary loss, that appealed to him most strongly. He was not disturbed. His sense of honor made him a most valiant defender of scientific medicine. At a meeting of the Ontario Medical Association in the "eighties" the reader of a paper made some favorable allusions to the virtues of homeopathy. Dr. Richardson rushed onto the platform and gave a most scathing denunciation of homeopathy. A host of readers will recall his address on Christian Science. The incisive irony used in the paraphrasing of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy's quasi-scientific utterances was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

The late Dr. Richardson "rang true" to the highest ideals in moral and medical ethics, and in regard to both of these it can be justly said of him, "he fought the good fight; he finished the course; he kept the faith," and in the hearts of his students and friends his memory will be long encircled in a halo of honor.

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Dr. Garnet Patrick Hydman, youngest son of the late Dr. Hydman, of Exeter, Ont., died at Minot, S. Dakota, Nov. 24th, 1909.

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Dr. Jno. Emil Traub, formerly a resident of Ontario, died at New York December 25, 1909.