

time our loyalty to our Alma Mater and our love for her distinguished son.

We beg to sign ourselves, on behalf of the subscribers, your grateful pupils and faithful friends.

(Signed)

JOSEPH BASCOM, etc.

Dr. Richardson retained his physical vigor and brain power until a short time before his death. He was jail surgeon from 1858 until 1909.

One of the most interesting incidents in his life was his work in connection with the choice of Canada's national emblem. At a meeting of citizens of Toronto which was held to arrange for the entertaining of the Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., on the occasion of his visit to Toronto in 1860, it was upon the motion of Dr. Richardson that maple leaves were adopted as the chief decoration. From that came the adoption of the maple leaf as Canada's national emblem.

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### DR. J. H. RICHARDSON.

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An appreciation by John Hunter, M.B., Toronto.

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Other, and more competent, pens will write the biography of the late Dr. Richardson, but none can exhaust the rich veins that intersected each other throughout the length and breadth of so great a life. Standing by the bier of such men as the late Drs. Richardson and Ogden, who could help regretting, not only the death of these men, but the loss of so much knowledge, experience and skill? With the exception of what they were able to impart to others, all the rich storehouse of knowledge, experience and skill they were able to garner during their long life, passed into oblivion at their death. Against this loss stands the fact that most of man's knowledge, experience and skill has only a transitory value. In the earlier days of pioneer life in Ontario, knowledge, experience and skill in "breaking in" of oxen, in the use of the axe, scythe, cradle and flail were exceedingly valuable assets to the farmer, but with the advent of horses, traction engines, self-binders, steam threshers, the former knowledge, experience and skill became quite valueless. A great part of the physiology, pharmacology, etiology and pathology of Dr. Richardson's earlier years is now but the "flotsam and jetsam" of medical literature.