

his death his brother Savery, visiting Canada, met many who testified to the esteem in which he was held and his many acts of kindness. The testimony of Col. FitzGibbon to the kindness shown him by Brock is, says his biographer, "as honourable to the one as to the other," for many in their advancement forget the hand that outstretched had raised them to a higher position. James FitzGibbon, a private in the 49th, was with Brock in the battle of Egmont-op-Zee, and tells of the bravery of Savery there and of the delight of the soldiers in repeating the good-natured sparring between the two brothers.

FitzGibbon was soon promoted by Brock to be sergeant-major, and tells his story gratefully thus of his earliest and best benefactor: — "That I might do honor to the General's memory, I have ever striven to serve my country well. The poor uneducated private soldier raised up by Sir Isaac Brock until he held in turn His Majesty's commissions of ensign, lieutenant and captain in the army, has been promoted in the civil service of Canada to a silk gown. My writing, too, I owe to Sir Isaac — In York he told me he intended to recommend me to the adjutancy, adding, 'I not only desire to procure a commission for you, but I also wish that you qualify yourself to take your position among gentlemen. Here are my books; make good use of them.' He often dictated to me while I wrote for him in the orderly room. His correcting my pronounciation of a word caused me to see my deficiencies, and I purchased a grammar and dictionary, and several lieutenants were my kind teachers."

As another act of kindness, we have the record of his interesting himself for the family of the deputy barrack master in Kingston, in indigent circumstances, with Col. Shank, to employ the eldest son as ensign on the recruiting service, so as to give a house for the relief of his mother with seven children. Col. Brock also ordered daily for her a ration and half a ration for the children.

As a student we must also enroll Brock. We read that, in spite of the sneers of his companions he frequently locked himself up to study. He was a good French scholar, and a letter to his companions tells how he passes his spare time at Fort George, and the list of books in his library tells that besides technical military books he was a general reader and showed good taste in his selection, and his military despatches,