Dr. Edward M. Hodder, MD, CM, MRCS, FRCS

CMA President, 1875
Royal College of Surgeons (Engl.), 1834
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Dr. Hodder was a co-founder of the Upper Canada School of Medicine, a forerunner of the medical faculty at the University of Toronto. The Dictionary of Canadian Biography described him as “an imaginative and respected medical practitioner. During the cholera epidemic of 1854 in Toronto, he and [Dr.] Bovell made transfusions of milk into the veins of some patients — with mixed results. He was also one of the first to report the use of carbolic acid as an antiseptic in surgery.” The Dictionary also said he was called “the Father” of obstetrics and gynecology in Ontario. He died in 1878.