

MEMORIAL.

JOHN RICHARD HARRIS.

John Richard Harris, the eldest of five sons, was born to John and Jane (Wetherald) Harris, in the township of Eramosa, near the present site of the village of Rockwood, eighth month 29th, 1837. His father came to this province from Cork, Ireland, and his mother from Yorkshire, England. The natural energy, activity, and business talents of the son, would probably have led him to seek his fortune in another sphere, had he not at the age of nineteen received as a solemn charge from his dying father the care and maintenance of the widowed mother. This trust was sacredly kept.

In 1863 he married Marianna Treffry, who in the various interests of his life has faithfully seconded his ambitions and efforts.

The name of John Richard Harris is intimately associated, not only with the successful business of which he was the head at Rockwood (and which has the highest reputation for integrity and genuine worth), but also with religious, educational and missionary projects. The welfare of Pickering College was near to his heart, and he gave earnest aid to its advancement. He realized that the educational institutions of a church give to it stability and permanence. Next to Pickering College the Bible Society called out his warmest sympathies and support, as he looked upon it as the great assistant to all missionary work.

John Richard Harris was recorded as a minister by Pelham Monthly Meeting in 3rd month, 1883, but he is perhaps best known as an active business man and an indefatigable Christian worker. He endeavored to *live* Christ even more than to *preach* Christ. The quality of absolute integrity, unfortunately not common enough to be taken as a matter of course, was bred in him from boyhood, and formed one of his most distinguishing characteristics in later years. In style he was direct, pointed, concise. No diffuse, indefinite, or rambling thought ever controlled his utterance. For this we are his debtors, and for the example of a nature courageous, sincere and strong. He forgot his own burdens so that he might the better bear the burdens of others. He