

during last winter. After the death of his excellent and endeared partner, with whom he had, for such an unusual length of time, travelled life's journey hand in hand, he sank rapidly, surviving her only nineteen days. During the earlier part of his last illness, Mr. Mickle expressed a wish to live a little longer, should such be God's will, for the purpose of completing certain important works on which he had been for years engaged; but having been long ready, he fell quietly, and almost imperceptibly, asleep in Jesus, on the morning of the 23rd ultimo, about 9 A.M. A variety of expressions which, notwithstanding his weakness, fell from him during the last days of his life, gave proof of the fullness and joyousness of his faith in the blood which cleanseth from all sin.

Mrs. Mickle, who was in her seventy-seventh year when she died, was the child of a pious mother, of Baptist principles. Removing, while still young, from Southgate (the place of her birth) to London, she derived spiritual benefit from the services of the Tabernacle, on which she attended. Previous to her arrival in this country, she was, like her husband, a member of Dr. Smith's church. Like him, she died in the communion of the church in Guelph, of which she also had been one of the original members. All who knew Mrs. Mickle, will admit her to have been in every respect worthy of the noble man with whom God had joined her in the nearest, kindest, and most sacred of human relations. In their recollection she will long live as a model of what is "pure, and lovely, and of good report;" a loving, faithful, and prudent wife; a wise and affectionate mother; a steady and generous friend; an exemplary and valued member of the community; and an intelligent, humble, earnest believer on Christ, who adorned her profession by a conduct in harmony with it, as she demonstrated its sincerity by her efforts for the furtherance of his cause.

During her last illness, which continued about a month, Mrs. Mickle realized the full power of the Gospel to sustain in trouble, for it was one uninterrupted course of joyous anticipation. So realizing was her sense of Christ's presence, that she seemed to feel, while still in the flesh, as if already an inhabitant of heaven; of which blessed world, her children and others who waited on her, felt her chamber to form, as it were, the vestibule. On the fourth ultimo, she entered on the possession of the inheritance of the saints in light, in which she was, as has already been noted, joined by her loved and loving husband, within the brief space of nineteen days; thus, all but entering together the glory for which they had so long been looking and preparing.

At the joint request of the family and the pastor of our late friends, the Rev. J. Howell, their death was improved, in the presence of a large and deeply impressed congregation, on the morning of Lord's Day, the 29th ultimo (May), by the Rev. Dr. Lillie, whom they had, for the last twenty-four years, honored with their friendship, from 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 55-57th verses,—“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Be it ours to be followers of those who are now, through faith and patience, inheriting the promises, in so far as they followed Him who was their Saviour and Lord, and is ours.

Mr. Mickle has left behind him several carefully prepared manuscripts—one of them sufficient to fill an ordinary octavo volume—from which, it is hoped, benefit may yet be derived by the church and the world.

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the Congregational Union of Canada at its late meeting in Toronto:

“That this Union convey to the family of the late Charles Julius Mickle, Esq., J.P., one of the earliest, steadiest, and most liberal friends of our principles in this country, the assurance of sympathy in the loss which they have sustained in the removal by death of such a father (aggravated by the circumstance of its occurrence within nineteen days of the decease of their loved and excellent mother—for fifty years his faithful companion and generous coadjutor in every good work); and of the affectionate respect with which his memory is regarded and will be cherished among us, as also of our best wishes for the well-being—present and everlasting—of them and theirs.”