

hard to obtain peace through strictness of living. Visiting Hoxton Chapel on one occasion, in search of the satisfaction which he failed to find elsewhere, the spirituality of the worship struck him forcibly; one of the hymns—that beginning, “How pleasant, how divinely fair,” (Psalm 84)—specially impressing him.

Mr. Mickle united, first, with the church of the late Rev. Mr. Lewis, of Islington, of which he continued a member for several years. Removing to Dalton, he joined that under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. J. Pye Smith, of Homerton, whose invaluable ministry he enjoyed for the sixteen years immediately preceding his coming to Canada.

In August, 1809, he married Sarah Richards, daughter of Samuel Richards, Esq., of Southgate; a lady of congenial sentiments and feelings, with whom he lived for the long period of fifty years (with the exception of two months), in the enjoyment of more than a common share of conjugal bliss, though they had to pass through not a few trials together. Mrs. Mickle bore him nine children—four sons and five daughters; all of whom, except two of the former, survive.

Mr. Mickle was, for twenty-nine years, connected with the East India House, Leadenhall Street, London; during nineteen of which, he held the position of sub-Librarian. Emigrating to Canada in the year 1832, he settled in the neighborhood of Guelph, of which he was, at the time of his death, one of the oldest inhabitants.

Enjoying, as we have seen, in early life the advantage of a good education; brought by his position into connection with books, of which he was a great lover; and gifted by nature with a superior mind, Mr. Mickle became distinguished by the extent and solidity of his acquirements, which embraced, in addition to the Greek and Roman classics, Hebrew, and Natural sciences, a knowledge of several of the languages of the East, among them, Sanscrit, with an intimate acquaintance with Brahminical philosophy and Hindoo literature generally.

As a Christian, Mr. Mickle was distinguished by a deference the most reverential for the authority of Scripture, the clearness of his views of truth, and his confidence in its power; the strength of his attachment to evangelical doctrine—the doctrines of grace;—the spirituality of his mind, and the zealotness of his endeavours and liberality of his contributions for the advancement of God’s cause. In the principles which distinguish Congregationalists from their fellow Christians, his belief was firm and unwavering; and his impression of their importance strong. Of the church in Guelph—for whose support he gave freely of the means which God had bestowed upon him, and in which he held office at the time of his death—he was one of the originators; he was likewise one of the original promoters of what has since become developed into the Canadian Congregational Union. The subscription lists of the Institute show, from its formation, the heartiness of his sympathy with its objects.

As a man, he was characterized by his honesty, independence, and integrity; as a citizen, by the patriotic interest which he took in everything affecting the rights or well-being of the community; as a magistrate, by his righteousness and honour; as a friend, by the warmth, and generousness, and steadiness of his attachments; and as a husband and father, by the qualities which bless home—making it at once the abode of confidence, and love, and joy; and a school for the virtues which adorn humanity, prepare for the duties and struggles of life, and aid in the bestowal of a meetness for participation in the inheritance of the saints in light. From its formation to the close of his life, he held the office of President of the Guelph Bible Society. Of the Guelph Mechanics’ Institute—of whose founders he was one—he was first President: he was also an earnest and steady friend and promoter of the cause of temperance, to which he rendered very valuable service.

Mr. Mickle’s health, which had received a severe shock through the melancholy death of his son, Alexander F. Mickle, Esq., late postmaster of Stratford,—a gentleman strongly resembling his honored father in the high principle which marked his character, and who, like him, enjoyed largely the respect of the community amidst which he lived,—somewhat over a year ago, failed considerably