
In Memoriam

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In 1875 my father was married. My mother was the daughter of Charles Mickle of Guelph, and her mother was Ellen Thurtell, who belonged to an old Norfolk family. Her great grandfather was William Julius Mickle—"the excellent translator of the *Lusiad*" as Boswell calls him, and the author of many ballads, among them "Cumnor Hall", which Sir Walter Scott inserted as the prelude to "Kenilworth", and "There's nae luck about the Hoose".

About six months before my father died he was asked to reply, at a students' dinner, to the toast "Sweethearts and Wives". He began his speech by saying that he was not very well fitted to reply to this toast, as he had only had one sweetheart, and one wife, and both were one person.

My father and mother first lived at 99 Charles Street E., then they moved to 100 St. Vincent Street, and in 1885 they built No. 74 St. Alban Street, which was their home till 1918, when they built a house next to ours on Woodlawn Ave., E.

In 1878, on the opening of the School of Practical Science, my father became assistant Professor of Chemistry, giving up his lectureships in Trinity College. In 1887 he became Professor of Applied Chemistry. He was also Public Analyst for the Inland Revenue Department for over 30 years, 1876-1907, and during that time also performed most of the analyses in criminal cases in connection with the department of the Attorney General. He remained a member of the Advisory Food Board until his death. He was Lecturer in Toxicology from 1892 and Professor from 1897 to 1913, and in 1907, when the School of Practical Science became officially what it had long been in practice—the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering—my father was made Head of the Chemistry department of the University of Toronto.