

to Upper Canada, as Ontario was then called, and founded a home at Mount Pleasant, near the present city of Brantford.

This husband and wife were blessed with those complementary qualities that augur well for home and family. On the side of the husband and father, were the Teutonic force and calm and steadfastness, and on the side of the wife and mother, a sprightliness and warmth and energy, and have not yet grown old at four score years and ten. Soon after their marriage, the young wife, then twenty-one years of age, came to the great decision, "as for me, and my house, we will serve the Lord." Her husband soon joined her in this sublimest service, and the home was consecrated to God and love and duty.

On the 17th of October, 1823, they rejoiced over the birth of their first-born, whom they named Samuel Sobieski. The name was suggested by the mother's admiration for the great and good of old, and symbolized the consecration of their first-born to the service of God and country. Surely the virtue of that consecration never left him, and as a consequence his name will live in honour, and his influence for good abide, when forgetfulness shall cover the names and fortunes of those who have lived for pride and gain.

As the years passed by, the old homestead at Mount Pleasant was enriched and gladdened, till nine boys and girls surrounded the family board. It was not a home of ascetic gloom, in which a religion that had never been sweet, or that had turned sour, was inflicted on the family, much less was it a home in which God and the Spirit were neglected for the service of the world and sense. There was cherishing and nourishing for the mind as well as for the body, there was reading and thinking as well as clothing and feeding, and there was play as well as work, and praise as well as prayer. What wonder that from such a home the children should go forth to sweeten and strengthen and brighten the life of school and church and state.

The first sixteen years of the late Chancellor's life were spent in this cradle of sweetness and strength, a Christian country home. He very early developed tastes and tendencies that could not find their scope on the farm. He would sometimes forget the meadow and the cornfield, to stray into the green pastures and still waters of literature and thought; and instead of feeding the cattle, he was even known to lecture and preach to them from a great rock pulpit and rostrum on the farm.