

Syriac in that University, and has been appointed for four years, by the Senate of that institution, Examiner in Chaldee, Hebrew and Syriac Languages and Literature.

Mr. Burnfield finished his theological course at Knox College, Toronto, being graduated in 1870, and was ordained on the 3rd of January, the following year. During his under graduate course in theology, he was a successful competitor with his classmates and compeers in various departments, obtaining a prize for an essay on the Origin, Nature and Errors of Plymouthism, another for general proficiency in theology and general literature, and still another for English reading.

Mr. Burnfield's first call was a unanimous one to the Scotch Presbyterian Church, west side, Chicago, as successor to Rev. Dr. Burns, now of Halifax. He declined that call, and was shortly afterward ordained as pastor of a charge in the Presbytery of Barrie. He was afterwards invited to become the pastor of one of the largest and most flourishing rural congregations in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the congregation of Scarboro', in the Presbytery of Toronto; where he remained about three years and then accepted a call from the 1st Presbyterian Church of Brockville, commencing his labors here in 1876. This is the oldest Presbyterian organization in Canada, its date being about 1811—the exact date of the first Sunday school in Upper Canada, it being formed at Brockville.

Soon after Mr. Burnfield settled here, the old house of worship was found to be too small, and in many ways unsuitable for a congregation of the size and position of this one; so he began to agitate the question of rebuilding, and at the time of writing, a stately and elegant stone structure, costing fully \$34,000, is nearly ready for dedication. It will seat 1000 people, and is an ornament to the town.

On June 6, 1868, Miss Sara Young, daughter of a prominent architect, of Londonderry, Ireland, was married to Mr. Burnfield.

JAMES METCALFE,

TORONTO.

JAMES METCALFE, one of the leading citizens of Toronto, and ex-member of Parliament for the East Riding of York, is an Englishman by birth, and was born in Cumberland in the year 1822. The Metcalfe family, though very numerous, are all of the same stock and descendants of a very ancient family, justly entitled to the compliment paid them by the compiler of the life of Lord Metcalfe, a gentleman of our time, well-known in Canada, viz., that they were industrious, honest, and unassuming people, whose integrity was a better inheritance than titles. One of them was knighted at the famous battle of "Bosworth Field," by Richard the Third, for bravery. The father of our subject was James Metcalfe, a practical builder and