

About 1855 our subject bought out his brother, and has since been carrying on business by himself, making carriages and sleighs, as well as farm wagons and buggies, having shops both here and at Waterloo, and usually giving employment from twenty to twenty-five skilled workmen. He manufactures a good substantial article, and finds his principal market in this Province, but has sent wagons to Australia and Van Dieman's Land.

Mr. Merner is an enterprising man, and sometimes has more than one iron in the fire. In 1875 he commenced flax growing; sowed from 300 to 350 acres, and raised some years as high as \$15,000 worth of this article, discontinuing the business at the close of 1878, but likely to resume it again before this work makes its appearance. In 1878 he opened a store, and keeps a large stock of general merchandise. As a business man he is a success; and he has made himself quite useful, as a citizen outside his several pursuits.

Mr. Merner was in the village council for fifteen or sixteen years; was reeve two or three terms, and is, and has been for sometime, a trustee of the common school. Like his brother, he thoroughly identifies himself with all local interests.

He is an Odd Fellow; a member of the Evangelical Association, and a Reformer, and is now Vice-President of the Reform Association of the village.

The marriage of Mr. Merner is dated November 19, 1853, his wife being Philipina Young, from Germany. They have nine children, three daughters and six sons, all the former being married: Jattate to Henry Ernst, Clarissa to Jacob Ernst, and Lovina to Louis S. Zoeger, all residing in New Hamburg.

REV. GEORGE BURNFIELD, M.A.,

BROCKVILLE.

ONE of the best scholars and ablest sermonizers of his age, connected with the Ontario pulpit, is George Burnfield, a native of the city of Perth, Scotland, his birth being dated February 19, 1845. His father was a mechanic; his mother was a daughter of David Keir, of Bankfoot, Scotland, one of the early contractors of that country. In 1855 the family landed in the city of New York, where our subject attended school for a short time, the family removing to Hamilton, Ontario. There young Burnfield continued his studies, first in the public and then in the High School, finishing in the latter, under J. M. Buchan, M.A., and entering the University of Toronto in 1864.

While in college the career of Mr. Burnfield was marked with great brilliancy and success. He took honors in English, Latin and Greek; obtained the scholarship, value \$120, for two consecutive years, for Latin and Greek, and also the silver medal in the same department in 1869, when he obtained the degree of B.A. He was also prizeman in Chaldee, Hebrew and