

studious habits, and his disposition to plod and persevere, he being a great reader and thinker, as well as experimenter. He is small in stature and large in mind—a very intelligent man on general subjects, making no display of his knowledge, yet an interesting converser.

The Doctor is a member of the Disciple church, an elder of the same, and is regarded as a man of marked purity of character. He has long been a Bible student, and not unfrequently supplies the pulpit on Sunday.

In 1848, Miss Julia Ann Bates, daughter of James Bates, one of the early settlers in Darlington, was joined in matrimony with Dr. McGill, and she died December 22, 1866; they had four children, and three of them are still living. Louisa, the elder daughter, is the wife of Joseph H. McClelland, of Liverpool, township of Pickering; Solomon G. is a law student, and Christina Victoria is with her father.

THOMAS H. WRIGHT,

SANDWICH.

THOMAS HENRY WRIGHT, treasurer of Essex county, was born in Colchester, in the same county, and in the Province of Ontario, on the 19th of July, 1816. His father, Henry Wright, was a native of Pennsylvania, was born in 1786, and was the third son in a family of eight children. He came with his father's family by land route to Detroit, in 1796, and crossed thence into Canada. There being no roads or settlements for most of the distance at that time, the goods and persons of the family were carried on the backs of pack horses. The family is of ancient origin. His paternal grandfather was a native of Kent county, England; and his paternal grandmother, though a native of Pennsylvania, was of German descent, from a family named Klingersmith.

Thomas H. Wright was educated in Colchester, Ontario, and at the high school in Sandwich. His course of instruction included the English branches, the mathematics, and those studies which were calculated to best qualify him for the work of land surveyor and civil engineer. One of his first duties on leaving school was to accompany Colonel Johnson, in a preliminary survey of the route for the Southern Railroad, from Fort Erie to Sandwich, which took place in 1836. He had been accustomed to work on the farm in summers and to attend school in winter; and this life, as in other like cases, had not only developed habits of industry, but had served to develop the bent of his taste, which was strongly mathematical and mechanical. After his first trial with Colonel Johnson, he was employed in the surveys under Captain Wilkinson, of Sandwich, and continued in the work until the rebellion broke out in 1837.

Mr. Wright volunteered as third officer in a troop of cavalry, under Captain Wilkinson as first officer, in the work of putting down the rebellion and repelling the invaders. He partici-