

degree of M.D., and subsequently the same degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Dr. Burnham settled in Peterborough about 1836, and since that date has been in practice here, doing an extensive business until two or three years ago, when trouble with his eyes compelled him to partially retire from practice. For several years after first settling here, his rides extended over an area of thirty miles in all directions, and sometimes even forty or fifty miles. He had the utmost confidence of the people, and many of the older settlers, still living in this vicinity, have vivid recollections of his hardships in reaching their homes, in their times of sickness, and of his kindly disposition, as well as of skill in curing them and their friends.

Dr. Burnham was for many years a member and chairman of the Peterborough school board, and did a great deal to elevate the standard of public instruction, often lecturing on scientific and other subjects pertaining to education.

He has been a member of the Baptist church for a long period, and has maintained a consistent christian character. He is a Freemason, and has been master of the Peterborough Lodge.

January 23, 1847, Miss Adeline Humphries Spalding, of Haldimand, Ont., was joined in marriage with Dr. Burnham, and had eight children. She died October 17, 1869, and four of her children are with her in the world of spirits. George Herbert, the older son living, is a physician, and connected with the London Ophthalmic Hospital; Helen Seymour is the wife of Dr. Robert P. Boucher, of Peterborough, and J. Hampden and Georgina Samanthe, are at home.

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### JOHN GILCHRIST, M.D.,

#### PORT HOPE.

MORE than sixty years ago, John Gilchrist moved from New Hampshire into Upper Canada, and practised his profession in Northumberland, Peterborough and Durham counties about forty years, educating meanwhile two of his younger brothers for the same profession. Thirty, forty and fifty years ago, he was one of the best known men in this part of the Province, and as widely esteemed as known. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Aiken) Gilchrist, who, at the time of his birth, February 5, 1792, were living in Bedford, N.H. His father was a farmer and miller, and afterwards moved to Goffstown in the same State, where he died in 1818.

Our subject received his medical education and diploma at New Haven, Conn., practised a few months at Goffstown, and in 1818, came to Canada, and located two miles northwest of where Cobourg now stands, two or three years later moving down to the lake shore on the present site of the town just mentioned. Sometime afterwards he removed to a new town in