

Canada West. Soon after resigning that position, Dr. Macnab received his ordination at the hands of Lord Bishop Strachan, at which time—March, 1850—he was appointed Assistant to Rev. Alexander Neil Bethune, then Rector at Cobourg, and later Bishop of Toronto; subsequently had charge of the Rice Lake parish, with his home at Cobourg, and in the beginning of 1852 was presented to the Rectories of Clarke and Darlington. When the parish was divided he remained Rector of Darlington, and still holds that position, his home being in the Town of Bowmanville. As a preacher, Dr. Macnab is plain and practical, clear and logical, and has great skill in clinching an argument. His discourses are sound and Scriptural, rather than showy, his great aim being to convince the reason and to convict the heart, rather than please the fancy. As a pastor he is very attentive to the sick and the afflicted, and has the warm esteem of the community generally.

Since a resident of Bowmanville, Dr. Macnab has been of great service to the community outside his church-work, in which he has been quite successful. He was for many years a member and chairman of the Board of School Trustees, and also Superintendent of the Town Schools, being assiduous in his endeavors to build up and improve the system of public instruction.

In 1858, Dr. Macnab made a trip to Great Britain, in company with his kinsman, Sir Allan N. Macnab, and ten years later (1868), occurred one of the most delightful episodes in his life—a second visit to England, and its attending incidents. We have already mentioned the name of his uncle, Captain Alexander Macnab, who fought and died at Waterloo, and who was captain in the 2nd Battalion, 30th Regiment, when he received his mortal wound. He died before the medals for the surviving heroes of that eventful battle were struck, and, contrary to the army regulations, in his case a medal was struck for the dead. When Dr. Macnab reached the Old World, and news spread abroad of his relation to the brave Captain Macnab, and that he was the rightful heir to the medal, the officials in the War Office caused his uncle's medal to be re-struck, and it was presented to the Doctor by the Commander-in-Chief, the Duke of Cambridge, in person. This fact we gather from "Toronto of Old," an interesting volume by Henry Scadding, D.D. The writer of this sketch has seen the medal here spoken of, and which Dr. Macnab treasures as a precious memento of his heroic uncle, and an invaluable heir-loom in the family. In addition to the medal, the Chelsea Hospital Commissioners, consisting of certain Members of the Cabinet and veteran field officers—notwithstanding an Act passed fifty years ago cancelling all claims for prize-money—finding a considerable sum lying to the credit of Captain Macnab, paid the amount over to his representative, Dr. Macnab. One motive which prompted such an unheard of act was, very likely, the loyalty of the Macnabs during the American Revolution. In 1876, Dr. Macnab and his son, Rev. A. W. Macnab, being in England, applied to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral for permission to place in the crypt of that Cathedral a mural tablet to the memory of their