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test. He was endorsed by his constituents in the South Riding of Wellington by a very handsome majority.

The religious connection of Mr. Guthrie is with the Presbyterian Church.

On December 17, 1863, he was married at Montreal to Eliza Margaret, youngest daughter of John MacVicar, deceased, of Chatham, Ont., and they have six children. Mrs. Guthrie is a sister of Dr. D. H. MacVicar, Principal of the Presbyterian College at Montreal, and of Dr. Malcolm MacVicar, Principal of the Normal School at Potsdam, N. Y., and the author of one or two popular mathematical works, published in the United States.

## REV. ALEXANDER MACNAB, D.D.,

## BOWMANVILLE

**R**<sup>EV.</sup> ALEXANDER MACNAB, Rector of the Parish of Darlington, is a son of Colonel Simon Fraser Machab, many years a Government official in Canada, and grandson of Dr. James Machab, who was surgeon of a Regiment of United Empire Loyalists, and who died in Canada in 1780; and was born at Belleville, County of Hastings, January 26, 1812, his father's family being one of the first to settle in that Town. Our subject is a nephew of Captain Alexander Machab, for whom he was named, and whose name appears on the early plans of York<sub>7</sub> (Toronto), and who, at the Battle of Waterloo, was on the Staff, as aide-decamp to Sir Thomas Picton—the only native Canadian, probably, who was slain in that worldrenowned contest, or that took any part in it. This branch of the Machab family is also remotely related to the Chief Machab who, some time after the breaking-up of the clan, emigrated to Canada, and had his home at the Chats on the Ottawa River, the emigrant Laird making poor headway in trying to transplant the ancient customs of the Highlanders to Canadian soil. The branch of the Machab family, to which our subject belongs, came from Perthshire, Scotland, when the clan broke up, and settled in the American Colonies before the Revolution, and fought bravely for the Crown.

Our subject was educated privately, his tutor being the late Rev. John Grier, M.A., subsequently Rector of Belleville; intended for the legal profession, he studied Law under J. H. Sampson, Barrister, Belleville, but relinquished it for the pursuit of Literature and Theology; was appointed President of Victoria College, and while in that position acted under appointment of the Governor-General, Lord Metcalfe, as Superintendent of Education for Canada West. When at the head of that University, he received from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity. During his Presidency, that Institution, it is believed, had the honor of first conferring degrees in the Arts in