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### Life's work recalled

Rev. Albert Burnside, of Toronto, a retired United Church minister, who's thesis based on the documents of Albert Carman helped lead to the

erection of a heritage plaque Sunday, presided at its unveiling, arranged through the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Carman played a key role in

the early years of Albert College as one of its first principals, and also with the Methodist Church during his day.

(Staff Photo)

chapel singers, directed by Michael Tansley.

Other officials present included Reeve Jack Arthur, Sidney Township; Jack Ellis, MP Prince Edward-Hastings; Gerry Boyce, Hastings County Historical Society president, along with visiting clergy from other United churches in Belleville and area.

The official wording on the plaque, one of several such heritage plaques now in place in Belleville reads:

"Albert Carman, 1833-1917: A commanding figure in Canadian Methodism during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Carman was born in Iroquois and educated at Victoria College, Cobourg. He worked briefly as a teacher and was then appointed principal of the Belleville Seminary, later Albert College, in 1858. A masterful administrator and, after entering the Methodist Episcopal ministry, a militant advocate for Methodist education, Carman

spearheaded the successful development of this Methodist school during his 17-year term there. Following his election as a bishop in 1874, he gained increasing prominence in church affairs, particularly as an ardent supporter of union among the Methodist denominations. When union was achieved in 1884, Carman became a general superintendent of the Methodist Church, a post he held until his retirement in 1914."

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