

parish, living in England for some years, but is at present in this country, enjoying the evening of life with his children. The church was enlarged and beautified under his ministry. He was a most assiduous pastor, very kind to the sick ; and friendly to everybody. He travelled and ministered in all the surrounding country. He was Chairman of School Commissioners for nearly forty years, giving his valuable services freely. Since Canon Townshend gave up the active duty of the parish it has been performed, now about eleven years, by Rev. V. E. Harris, the zealous vicar in charge.

AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

A neat meeting house was some years ago built on the Highlands, for the use of the colored people. Several pastors of the Episcopal Methodist American church, have been stationed here, each staying three years or less. This body has also a comfortable parsonage. They are visited by a Bishop and other brethren from time to time. As a result of their labors, the people stand much higher morally and financially, many of them have respectable properties. They are a standing example like their Anglo Saxon neighbours, of the truth that Righteousness exalteth a nation. Rev. Messrs. Brown, Hill Crosby, and Hartly, have been the most notable of their ministers. Rev. Mr. Phipps, is at present in charge of this congregation.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

The grantees of the township being many of them Presbyterians from the North of Ireland, a meeting house for that persuasion was erected on the N. E. side of the old burying-ground in what became a part of the farm of the late Enoch Embree. In Doctor James McGregor's Life there are references to a visit made to this congregation, and of his unsuccessful attempt to secure a stated ministry for them. A gentleman (name not given) went to Picton to crave a supply, with a petition subscribed by a number of persons here. This person on his return brought the good man with him, both being on horseback. Dr. McG. says : " They were a pious, intelligent people, who much regretted their situation, destitute of a gospel minister." Before he left them they signed a petition to the Secession Synod in Scotland for a minister, which he transmitted. He represented " that the Amherst Presbyterians were not numerous, but the neighborhood was populous and without ministers." This was in 1788. Though promises were made by one or two, none came. In 1809, or thereabouts, the Rev. George Mitchell staid a short time and then removed to River John. There was also a Rev. John Liddell, pastor about 1820. He supplemented his other labors by teaching school for two years. Probably a Mr. Wilson was pastor a short time.

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN.

The second stage in the history of Presbyterians here, begins with the arrival of Rev. Alexander Clarke in 1827. Mr Clarke spent a long life in promulgating the Gospel as held by the Reformed Presbyterian church. His field of labor em-