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HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

No. 95.—REV. CANON PARTRIDGE, D.D.

THE subject of this sketch was born on the 2nd of April, 1846, at Dursley, Gloucestershire, England. His parents were Charles and Catharine Partridge. His father is of the old Gloucestershire family of Partridge, whose seat is at Wishanger, and which has descended

from father to son for the past six hundred years. His mother is of the Scotch family of Gilmour of Craigmillar, Edinburgh. He was educated at Lady Berkeley's Grammar School, Wolton, Gloucestershire, and St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, England, of which he is now an honorary Fellow. Here he graduated with distinction, and was Greek Testament and English essay prizeman in 1866-68. He held the position of classical master in Dursley Grammar School in 1864-65. St. Augustine's being a

purely missionary college, her alumni are obliged to seek work in the colonies or foreign field. Mr. Partridge, fresh from its educational walls, resolved to seek ministerial work, if possible, in Canada. With this end in view he landed in New Brunswick, and was admitted to the diaconate in the year 1869 by the late

Bishop Medley of Fredericton, and in the following year was advanced to the priesthood by the same distinguished prelate.

Mr. Partridge's first duty was in the educational line, having received the appointment in 1869 of head master of the Grammar School at St. Andrew's, N.B., which position he held till 1872, when he was offered the rectorship of Rothesay, N.B. While here, in recognition of his valuable services, he was made a canon of

Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, still retaining his rectory at Rothesay. He was also elected secretary of the Diocesan Synod. In 1882, however, he was called to another diocese and his canonry lapsed. St. George's Church, Halifax, known as "the Round Church,"—a picture of which will be found in our issue of March, 1888,—became vacant by the resignation of its fifth incumbent and second rector, Rev James B. Unacke, and Canon Partridge was called to succeed him. He assumed his new position in 1882, and has



REV. CANON PARTRIDGE, D.D.,

Rector of St. George's Church, Halifax, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

retained it ever since. Always interested in educational matters, Mr. Partridge speedily identified himself with King's College, Windsor, and in connection with it prosecuted his own higher studies, receiving by examination from that institution the successive degrees of B.D. and D.D. His fame as a useful diocesan