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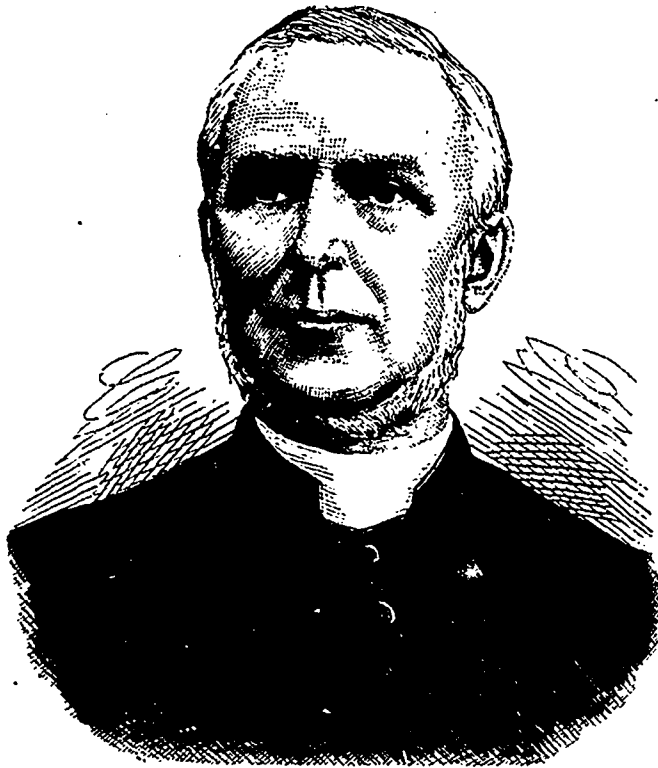
HE history of this church and parish is intimately connected with that of Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, its first and present Rector, so that a brief sketch of his early career will be a fitting introduction to it.

Mr. Pollard was born in Exeter, England, and was educated at a private school and afterwards at Exeter Grammar School. He attended St. Augustine College, Canterbury, from 1854 to 1857, and in his final college examination took first class in Theology, Classics and Mathematics, and second class in Hebrew. He left England on Jan. 31st, 1858, for Fredericton, New Brunswick, and was ordained in Fredericton Cathedral on Feb'y 28th of that year, and Priest on March 20th, 1859. He was appointed Curate of St. Stephen's under Rev. Dr. S. Thomson, and was elected Rector of Maugerville and Burton, on St. John River, near Fredericton, 1861. This was a parish with three churches, one on the east side of the river, with rectory and glebe farm, and two on the west side, seven miles apart, with several settlements in the back part of the country. He was obliged to keep a boat to cross

the river, which was half-a-mile wide, and had to convey his horse and wagon over in a flat-bottomed scow, with a man to scull across. The roads in Maugerville were often impassable; in winter the travelling was always done on the river; in April there was no way of getting about; in May the freshets were often so great as to cover the whole land: Mr. Pollard had to go to church, which was on the same lot with

the rectory, in a boat; in June came swarms of mosquitos.

In 1869, on the nomination of Archdeacon Lauder, Mr. Pollard came to Ontario and became Curate of Christ Church, Ottawa. This was the original parish church of Ottawa, and for several years was the only church in the place; but in time the growing population of "Lower Town" demanded a church in their own district. Accordingly, in 1863, a plot of ground was obtained from the Government and a building was erected and known as "The Chapel of Ease." Lower Town



REV. HENRY POLLARD,

Rector of St. John's Church, Ottawa, and Rural Dean of Prescott and Russell.

having been the seat of Government for several years and the residence of the Governor-General, a strong feeling arose in favour of having the Bishop of Ontario remove from Kingston to Ottawa. This was strongly urged by Lord Lisgar, the Governor-General, and at Easter, 1871, Bishop Lewis took up his residence in the capital and assumed charge of the Chapel of