

THE REV. CANON ANDREWS.

There is no more popular or highly-respected clergyman in South Australia than the Rev. William Buckton Andrews, canon of St. Peter's Cathedral and rural dean of Kensington and Norwood. He has been incumbent of the "parish" of Norwood for over 25 years, having been called to that position in July, 1874. His parishioners, by whom he is greatly beloved, arranged to hold a service on July 14 in commemoration of his long and faithful service of 25 years at Norwood, but it had to be put off owing to a severe attack of erysipelas which, for many weeks, prostrated the rev. gentleman. He has now, thanks partly to a complete rest and change of air at the seaside, recovered, and the service was held at St. Bartholomew's Church on Thursday evening. Invitations were specially issued to all who have received the rites of the Church at his hands in Norwood, and there was a very large attendance of people, who owe to him their baptism, communion, confirmation, or marriage. Archdeacon Dove preached an eloquent sermon, in which he spoke in eulogistic terms of the zeal and benevolence of Canon Andrews, and the many good works he has done. A number of Church of England clergymen, including Dean Marryat, were present, and the Bishop of Adelaide, who was to have attended the function on the date originally fixed, wrote, regretting that a prior engagement prevented him from joining in the commemoration.

Canon Andrews is one of the few remaining clergy who were ordained by the late Bishop Short, and, excepting only Dean Marryat, no minister of the Church of England in South Australia has a longer record of active service than he has. He is the son of an English lawyer, who resided at Epping, and after studying theology at an English college, came to South Australia to join his brother, the late Mr. Justice Andrews. This was in 1854, and the same year he was ordained deacon, and appointed to the curacy of Woodside and Balhannah. In 1856 he took priest's orders, and went to the south-east as a missionary or itinerary preacher. He was the first Church of England minister regularly appointed to the south-east, and he did excellent service there until 1858, when he became incumbent of Blakiston, where he remained six years. After a period of five and a half years at Mitcham he returned once more to the south-east to take up the incumbency of Mount Gambier. The town was a very different place on his return to it as compared with its appearance when he first went there, but the people had not forgotten him, and gave him a hearty welcome to his new sphere of labor. His next and last move was to Norwood in 1874, and there he has seen great changes. From a comparatively small church St. Bartholomew's has become a very impor-

From a comparatively small church St. Bartholomew's has become a very important one, and the work has expanded in a remarkable degree—so much so indeed that a curate was appointed in March to relieve the canon of some of his more arduous duties. The Sunday-school is the largest in the diocese, and the other organisations connected with the church have also grown to large dimensions. There is now no debt on any of the church buildings, although when Canon Andrews took over the parish £200 was owing on the church and £600 on the parsonage. The schoolroom, valued at over £1,400, has been paid for, and a fine new organ put in the church.

The members of the church intend now to mark the completion of Canon Andrews's quarter-century connection with the church in a practical manner by adding a chancel to the building and thus completing it. The funds are coming in well, and it is hoped that the work will be begun soon. The canon is looked up to with respect and affection by a wide circle of friends, whose numbers are by no means confined to members of the Church of England, and his return to health is a source of great gratification to all who know him.