

smooth and straight for his blessed entrance. Judge, therefore, nothing to be wholly secular, that is, as of this present life only, but judge all things rather as having their issue in eternity, and forget not that even a cup of cold water, even the supply of water and light in the dwellings of the poor is given to Christ. . . . No work can be more important, from the magistrates' standpoint, than cutting off at the fountain head the stream of wickedness and crime by instilling into the mind and heart of youth the principles of the Christian faith and the Christian life; nor any work dearer to the people than to rear their children to be good men—good citizens."

Mr. Hutchison concluded his eloquent and powerful sermon by strongly urging upon the magistrates and people of Berwick the hearty support of the church day schools, on the ground that these are among the most powerful factors that can be utilized for the good government of any city.

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DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

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RATHWELL AND TREHERNE.

On Sunday, December 20th, 1896, the parishes of Rathwell and Treherne were the scene of an interesting occurrence, and the interest was all the greater on account of its infrequency. The churches of St. Mark, Treherne, and St. Paul, Rathwell, having been entirely relieved of all indebtedness, were set apart, with all due ceremony, from all secular uses for the public worship of Almighty God. His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land performed the service of consecration, and he was assisted by the Rev. J. C. Dearden, B.A., incumbent of the joint charges, and the Rev. W. P. Gahan, B.A., of Carman.

A day more favorable to the occasion could not have been chosen; a mild temperature, good roads, and a moonlight night added to the pleasure and comfort of all concerned, and to the success of the auspicious event. After dining at Treherne, the Archbishop and clergy drove to Rathwell, where the consecration service commenced at 3 p.m. As Mr. Ford, the people's warden, was unfortunately absent through illness, his place was taken by Mr. A. Shepherd, one of the vestrymen. Rev. Mr. Dearden read the petition for the church's consecration, with the names of the petitioners, after which Mr. Litton, incumbent's warden, and Mr. Shepherd, acting people's warden, led the procession from the east to the west end of the church, during which the 24th Psalm was recited, His Grace the Archbishop taking the alternate

verses. On returning to the communion table, the Archbishop offered up the prayers of dedication, and then requested the Incumbent to read the sentence of consecration. The ordinary service of Evening Prayer followed, with some special collects said by the Archbishop. The sermon preached by His Grace was founded on the 19th and following verses of the 10th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

The service of consecration was repeated at Treherne in the evening. The wardens there are Mr. F. Cooper and Mr. B. Gates. At this service, the Archbishop preached from the 28th and 29th verses of the 12th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The discourse, which was a most impressive one, dwelt chiefly on the reverence due to God in the Holy worship of His Sanctuary.

Both of these churches have been opened during the last four years; and, through the vigorous and self-denying efforts of the members and friends, ladies especially, have been furnished and paid for. The double function of Sunday, December 20th, is a cause for much heartfelt rejoicing and thankfulness to Almighty God, and ought to be a means of infusing zeal and inspiration into other congregations that may be battling with serious difficulties. Every newly consecrated church is another fort in the church's line of defence,—another link in the holy chain that is slowly but surely binding together this great Dominion in an army that will sooner or later subject the land from sea to sea to the service of Jesus Christ. Deo gratias.

HOLY TRINITY, WINNIPEG.

One of the chief events in the life of Holy Trinity Sunday School is the Christmas festival and distribution of prizes. On the evening of December 29th the children turned out en masse, and shortly after 6 o'clock sat down to a bountiful tea, provided by the parents and friends of the School. Mrs. Johns and her staff of assistants were kept busy attending to the wants of the children, who did full justice to the good things provided. Following the tea there was an interval in which the children romped, and had a good time generally, until the parents began to arrive when the rector called them to order, and opened the programme with a few remarks. He regretted the unavoidable absence of the superintendent, Mr. Brock, who with his wife and family were leaving the City the next day, and consequently could not be present. The programme which followed was a pleasing one, and brought forth frequent applause. An orchestra of eight pieces, under the direction of Mr. Wheeler, led in the carols, which were heartily sung. The orchestra also played several selections. Recitations were also given by Misses Avis Ainlie and