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DR. GUTHRIE'S SPEECH AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EDINBURGH RAGGED SCHOOLS.

We have much pleasure in giving insertion to the following speech. In our last article on the Externals of Education we endeavoured to show the utter inadequacy of any party in the State, by voluntary effort, to educate all the children of the State, and insisted on the point that this can only be accomplished by the State itself; that it is not only its bounden duty, but its wisest policy, and that on the simple ground of economy, to see that a suitable education is provided for every child within its territory. It would seem that the Committee of the Council of Education of the Imperial Parliament have withdrawn a certain amount of the Grants made to Ragged Schools, and Dr Guthrie in his speech, with his usual power and eloquence, exposes the miserable economy of such a procedure, and shows to a demonstration the force of the principle, "Prevention is better than cure."

Dr GUTHRIE, who was received with loud cheers, seconded

the resolution. It is necessary (he said) that the public should understand, in the first place, that this school is established and managed on catholic principles. I don't mean Roman Catholic—(cheers) because I don't think that Roman Catholic is catholic: it is catholic with an addition, or rather a subtraction. (Hear, hear.) The Directors of this school comprise members of every evangelical Christian body in the community. Some people at first suspected that it was to be a Free Church job. There was a distinguished man, who had now left this world, who called upon a friend of mine when I took it upon myself to summon the community of Edinburgh on behalf of those poor children, and said to him—"I've got a summons from Guthrie to attend a meeting. I don't think I'll go." "Oh!" said my friend, "I think you should go—the object is good." "But" he replied, "I'm afraid it's a Free Church job." (Laughter.) If the public are satisfied of anything now, they are satisfied of this—that it is neither a Free Church, nor Established Church, nor U. P. Church, nor Baptist, nor Episcopalian Church affair, but it's all these Churches working together in one great and good cause. (Cheers.) Then, in the second place, I wish the public to bear in mind that the most marked peculiarity of this school is, that the Directors and supporters of it place themselves *in loco parentis* to the children; and being in place of a parent to them, I therefore feel myself as much bound to give these children that education which has been so admirably described by Mr Orde,—physical, intellectual, moral, and religious. It may not be convenient for me to get hold of a child on the streets and take it to my own house, and perhaps it would not exactly suit the child; but, instead of taking it to my own house in Salisbury Road, I lodged it at