

social success. A large number were present, and, the ladies providing a plentiful and choice lunch, the evening's enjoyment was not thereby lessened. Mrs. Gunn and Mr. Machin sang, both excellently; Miss Chadwick gave a recitation, and Mr. Baker a reading, all of which were much appreciated by the audience. Mrs. Pither and the ladies desire to give most sincere thanks to all who so kindly contributed to the success of the evening. The proceeds will be applied to repairs on the church building.

In connection with the birthday party there was also a surprise party, at least of one, when the ladies presented their popular clergyman with a purse, collected during the afternoon and evening. It was a thoughtful act, and well-timed, and reflects great credit on the ladies who originated the movement, as well as on those who contributed.

From the very beginning of his pastorate in Rat Portage, the Rev. J. W. R. Page has won the hearts of his congregation and the respect of all who know him. His untiring energy on behalf of the poor and needy, as well as in other work pertaining to his calling, the ready sympathy and willing help, which it has always been his pleasure to extend to everyone, stamps him as a man eminently fitted to fill the high office which he holds.

To a man so unassuming, more used to giving than receiving, the presentation was indeed a surprise, and it was with difficulty he could find words to reply to the few well-chosen remarks of Mr. Machin, who acted on behalf of the ladies.

#### DAUPHIN.

The Rev. H. G. Wakefield, M. A., whose good work has already been noticed in these columns, has been giving a course of carefully prepared lectures on the History of the Church of England, in his new parish room. In the first of these, which was delivered on Jan. 27, he gave reasons for believing that the ancient British church was of Apostolic origin; he then went on to describe the prosperity of that church, its partial overthrow by the Anglo-Saxon invasion, the re-conversion of England by the survivors of the British church, and the Roman missionaries, and the blending of the two churches into the Church of England, under Theodore, the fifth Archbishop of Canterbury.

The next lectures dealt with the gradual encroachments of the Church of Rome upon the rights and liberties of the Church of England; the causes which led to the Reformation; the Reformation itself, and the subsequent history of the church.

Such instruction is very much needed in the Northwest, for a very large proportion of our church people are very much in

the dark respecting the history of the mother church of English-speaking Christianity.

The church folks in this district gave a concert in the town hall last month in aid of the funds of their church. They had a long and varied programme, which was much appreciated by the large audience present. Mrs. Hoy was the accompanist, and her efforts did much to make the concert the success which it was.

#### THE CHURCH IN THE DAUPHIN COUNTRY.

Since the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company came into active operation, the attention of many has been called to this fine agricultural country, which has for its boundary on the eastern side the

mpeg, was from 1887 to 1892 the incumbent of Birtle, and, although located at a point more than 100 miles from Dauphin, he paid frequent visits there, and did much by his energy and earnestness to open up church work in the district.

In the year 1890, a grant of money was obtained from one of the English Societies, and a small log church was erected at Gartmore, at that time the centre of the settlement. It is only right to add that the people of the district gave of their own labor, freely and heartily, in the erection of St. Paul's.

In November, 1893, a resident clergyman, the Rev. H. G. Wakefield, was sent by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land to take charge of the mission which had rap-



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waters of Lake Manitoba, and on the west the ranges of the Riding and Duck Mountains. Settlers who go there find that the church is there before them, waiting to extend a hand of welcome, and to help in making their settlement prosperous and happy. It is true, there are only a very few Church of England missions to serve this great district, but more will soon be provided, and those that are at present in existence are doing excellent work.

About nine years ago students from St. John's College were wont to be sent, at intervals, generally during the summer months, to conduct services in this district; indeed, for about five years church work here was mainly dependent on the college. The Rev. W. T. Mitton, now the esteemed rector of Christ church, Win-

idly increased in size and population. In the following year it was found necessary to build a second church only about four miles from the first, at the village of Lake Dauphin, which was growing fast, and promised eventually to be the centre of the district. So heartily did the members of the Lake Dauphin congregation work that the building, which was begun on a Monday, was used on the following Sunday. Henceforth each church had a service every Sunday, while a third was held at some outlying settlement, The Archbishop drove in from Neepawa (100 miles) in September, 1894, and held a confirmation at St. Paul's church, Gartmore, and dedicated All Saints' church, Lake Dauphin. In the early part of 1895 it was decided to build a Vicarage house, and a