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No. 27. - SECOND BISHOP OF SASKATCHEWAN.

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THE Right Reverend W. Cyprian Pinkham, Bishop of Saskatchewan, who was consecrated to that see last year, was born in St. John,

Newfoundland, in 1844. He was educated there at the Church of England Academy, and after having had charge for a time of a public school in one of the suburbs, proceeded to St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, in 1865. Except to mention that during one vacation he was private tutor in the family of Sir Frederick Fowkes, our space forbids us to linger over that studious, delightful period of college life which came to a close in 1868. The Bishop loves to recall how at this critical point in his life, his youthful ambi-

tion to serve amongst the heathen in India or Madagascar was, though to his temporary disappointment, overruled by what would seem in the truest sense a "call." After his final examination, before the Board of Examiners of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the secretary of the society offered him the curacy of St. James in Rupert's Land, and though not at first disposed

to accept it, after earnest consultation with Canon Bailey, warden of the college, he determined to sacrifice his own wishes, and a month later sailed for Canada. On arriving at Montreal, he heard from Bishop Fulford, that the Bishop of Rupert's Land was expected shortly in London, to preach the ordination sermon for the Bishop of Huron. He proceeded to London, was allowed to sit for

the ordination examination then just about to begin, and was finally ordained deacon by the Bishop of Rupert's Land. From this time, end of 1868, till October, 1881, he remained in charge of St. James, first as curate in charge under Archdeacon Maclean, afterwards as rector. He was ordained priest in February, 1869. When the first Education Act was passed, 1871, he was appointed a member of the Council of Education. He succeeded the first Superintendent of Education, whose work he had previously undertaken in his enforced ab-

sence in 1872, and retained that office till 1883. In 1881 he was sent to Eastern Canada to study the Normal and High School system, and to his practical suggestions is largely due the efficiency of the present educational machinery in the Province of Manitoba, in particular we may mention the Collegiate department in its public schools, which, not only for economy and efficiency, are



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