

Mr. Rounthwaite was educated at the Liverpool Collegiate Institute, where he obtained many prizes and two silver medals. During the greater part of the time he attended the Institute he was under Dr. Howson, who afterwards became his tutor at Cambridge. Mr. Coneybear was also a master at the same time.

Mr. Rounthwaite entered St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1859. In the College examination of June, 1860, he was placed twelfth in the first class; and in June, 1862, eighth in the first class. He took his B.A. in the mathematical tripos of 1863, being ninth senior optime, and in due time obtained his M.A. He also took several prizes in athletic exercises—among other things, two cups for rowing and one for shooting.

On the 13th of March, 1864, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Prince Lee, of Manchester, and on 11th of June, 1865, Priest.

In 1868, he married Margaret, youngest daughter of William and Ann Gamon, of Chester. After some years of parochial work, he became, in 1872, headmaster of the Witton grammar school, near Northwich, Cheshire. He was exceedingly fond of music, and had a remarkably fine voice.

Besides being the first incumbent of Rounthwaite, he was inspector of schools over that thinly populated district. A characteristic incident in his life shows his energy and perseverance. At a rural Decanal meeting in Brandon he attended when no one else was present, owing to the extreme cold and the distance to be traversed.

One of his sons, the second, Mr. Frank, distinguished himself at St. John's College, Winnipeg, (a most valuable institution), taking the Governor-General's medal for general proficiency in 1888, and his B.A. in June, 1891, at nineteen years of age.

When Mr. Rounthwaite arrived, the first school four miles from the post office, was being built. The first frame house was the clergyman's. Then many others followed. Then came brick chimneys and lightning conductors, and with the forward movement came the church, which was built on land given by Mr. Purvis and stood on the main road to Brandon. The settlers worked hard, bringing the lumber from Brandon, and helping in every way they could but for money they relied on the generosity of their friends. Service was held every Sunday, the incumbent being ably assisted by Mr. Pratt, lay reader, whose only son was the first person laid in the churchyard. Mr. Rounthwaite entered into rest Christmas eve, 1883.

In the year 1884 by a resolution of the Synod of Rupert's Land, the parish was named "Rounthwaite," in memory of the first incumbent. For a time during the year 1884 the Rev. Mr. Dundas, of Brandon, earned the well merited gratitude of the settlers by taking

services every Sunday without any remuneration whatever.

For nearly six years the parish was under the charge of the Rev. W. Langham Sheney. During his incumbency the parish was generously assisted by St. George's Church, Ottawa, to the extent of \$500 a year.

Again fresh life came to the Parish. A railway—the Northern Pacific—entered the settlement, and a station was built at Rounthwaite, and the present incumbent, the Rev. Herbert Drausfield, came in July, 1892, having in his care Rounthwaite and Wawanese (Souris City), and a district of over 300 square miles. The church has been moved from its place on the Brandon trail to a much more advantageous one in the village; a Vicarage built on land generously given by H. Merideth, Esq., of Brandon. The church has been named "Church of St. John the Divine," in memory of its first incumbent, and contains a tablet erected to his memory.

Many of the old settlers have left the neighbourhood, among them may be mentioned: Messrs. Walker, Birch, Purvis, Sherk, Skreech, Flannery, Dobson, Selwyn, Flowers, etc.

There is still a debt on the parish of \$1,200. This ought to be wiped out. Then \$300 a year is needed for the Clergyman's stipend. The people are not able to provide this amount in full. Our wants are: a church bell, prayer books, carpet, paint for church and vicarage, and books for parish library.

In closing this brief sketch, we must not omit to mention the "Parish Magazine," "Rounthwaite Notes," and THE CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE; also the fact that any one wishing to help this parish may remit to the incumbent (P.O. payable at Brandon) or J. F. Rounthwaite, Esquire, Bank of Commerce, Simcoe, Ont.; or, Miss E. M. Rounthwaite, Bromham vicarage, Bedford, England.

THE empire of Caesar is gone; the legions of Rome are mouldering in the dust; the avalanches that Napoleon hurled upon Europe have melted away; the pride of the Pharaohs is fallen; the Pyramids they raised to be their tombs are sinking every day in the desert sands; Tyre is a rock for bleaching fishermen's nets; Sidon has scarcely left a rock behind, but the Word of God still survives. All things that threatened to extinguish it have only aided it; and it proves every day how transient is the noblest monument that man can build, how enduring is the least word that God has spoken. Tradition has dug for it a grave, intolerance has lighted for it many a fagot; many a Judas has betrayed it with a kiss; many a Peter has denied it with an oath; many a Demas has forsaken it, but the Word of God still endures.

—Dr. John Cumming.