



MINNEDOSA, DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

granted for a time, and finally by God's blessing, a little church was built, and opened and consecrated on the 24th May, 1885 (Whit Sunday) and answers all present needs; but as the congregation is gradually increasing, the time is not far distant ere it will be necessary to enlarge it. It stands about the centre of the town, as shown in our illustration. The opening of this Church (St. Mark's) has afforded the opportunity of holding more frequent services, as well as establishing a Sunday School, which is attended by about thirty children, resulting in an increased interest in the work and more regular attendance on the part of the congregation. The interior of the church is not yet quite finished. It needs painting or varnishing, and also a fence. The congregation has so far kept out of debt, except that about \$60 remain to be paid for the building and this is covered by subscriptions yet to be paid in.

A parsonage has also been built, the money for which (\$1,000) was borrowed, with interest at the rate of 8 per cent. We have the privilege of paying back any portion of the capital in sums of not less than \$50 at the time when the interest is paid.

A recent fire has done much damage to the town, destroying a large block of buildings on the main street, in which some of our Church members were great losers. The depot of the Bible Society was destroyed in the conflagration, nearly all the Bibles being burnt, causing a very heavy loss to our young society.

From Minnedosa the Rev. M. Jukes extends his labors to the surrounding country. At Clanwilliam, twelve miles north, another church has been built and paid for. At Glendale, fifteen miles south-east, a church is in the course of erection. Regular fortnightly services have been held in these places for some years past. In the summer months fortnightly services have also been held at Nupawa, twenty miles distant, and occasional services in other places as opportunity offers.

There is also a Ladies' Aid Association, established some three years since, in connection with St. Mark's Church, which has rendered valuable assistance, having purchased an organ, beside contributing to the building and external painting of the church. The ladies are now working for a bell and hope ere long to have sufficient funds to purchase one.

THE Anglican Church in one generation has weathered the hostility of the first Radicals, the unpopularity of the first Tractarians, the alarm created by "Essays and Reviews," and the popular indignation excited by extreme Ritualists. All these perilous phases she has passed through, not only in safety, but with renewed health and strength. Not only are more churches and schools provided, but they are filled as soon as they are built, and it is the poor and hungry and the weary who are flocking to the Church's ministrations quite as readily as the rich and the respectable, with whom religion is a special duty.