

tion, not only did his own congregation prosper, but his influence extended far beyond his own presbytery and province. As a platform speaker and debater Mr. Grant, later the Rev. Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, had few equals. His lectures and his book of travel, "From Ocean to Ocean," established his reputation as an able and brilliant writer. His services to the Church, as Convener of the Board of Home Missions, during the five years he held that office, were of the greatest value. The old church of St. Matthew's was burned down on the first day of the year 1858 and immediately thereafter steps were taken for the erection of another and the result is the present edifice, which cost \$50,000, seated for 1000 persons, and when finished, or very soon after, was free of debt. The number of families connected with the congregation is over two hundred and forty. There are 370 communicants on the roll and 430 scholars in the Sabbath School. The annual expenditure for all purposes is about \$10,000. The above statement reaches down to 1875 and ends there. The progress subsequent to that date, under the diligent and faithful ministrations of the present incumbent we feel assured is in keeping with the past record of St. Matthew's.

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

The next in order of our story is St. Andrew's. This congregation was originally designed to be in connection with the Relief Body. To that Church application was made for a pastor and the response was the arrival in Halifax of the Rev. Mr. Patterson, Dumfriesshire, in 1818, who having organized the congregation, returned to Scotland in the Autumn of the same year. The Rev. Mr. MacInnes was sent by the same Church to carry on the work begun by Mr. Patterson, but after about eighteen months his health failed and he went on a vacation to the United States in the hope that the trip would help him. There he