



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ST. ANDREW'S, MANITOBA.

their temporal improvement. They eagerly sought for religious instruction and many adults applied for baptism. In the year 1831, only two years after his settling among them, Mr. Cochrane's congregation had increased from 30 to 300, while the alteration in their general habits and moral conduct bore testimony to the reality of the work within. It was not the adults alone in whom he endeavored to awaken a desire for useful employment. He made his schools, as far as he could, schools of industry; the boys were instructed part of the day in husbandry, carpenter's work, etc., and the girls were taught to spin. When they first began, the only material to be procured in the country was buffalo wool, which is too short and coarse to make good thread, but soon after Governor Simpson conferred a boon upon the whole Red River colony by importing some sheep from the United States, and by degrees, as these multiplied, the girls of St. Andrew's were able to produce a finer and more durable article. By the year 1836 the log houses of the Christian part of the population had been made neat and comfortable dwellings, each with its little garden and farmyard attached; the once dreary plains were covered with herds of cattle, or adorned with waving corn. A building for church and school purposes together with a parsonage had been erected, and the din of the conjuror's rattle was exchanged for words of prayer and songs of praise.

On Mr. Cochrane's first settling at St. Andrew's,

he had collected a good number of children and had built a good sized house to serve for a church and school, and hitherto it had been in this room that the congregation assembled for divine worship. The continued increase in the number of worshippers which was accelerated also by the settling of many European families in his parish soon determined him to attempt the erection of a larger church, and poor as the people still were, they came forward readily to assist him to the utmost of their power. Great was his joy when in 1852 this new witness for God was completed and stood out as a testimony that His servants had obtained a footing there.

It is right to mention that Mr. Cochrane was the agent of that Christian organization, the Church Missionary Society, which has done so much in spreading the Gospel in British North America. It should also be said that from the year 1829, down to the present time the Church Missionary Society has attended to the spiritual wants of the people of St. Andrew's. The parish has never been neglected. Good men have been appointed from time to time to take charge of the parish. Among them were Archdeacon Cochrane, Rev. Mr. James, Archdeacon Hunter, Archdeacon Kirkby, Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. John Grisdale (now Dean of Rupert's Land), and Rev. Richard Young (now Bishop of Athabasca). The good done by the Church Missionary Society in St. Andrew's through these men will be better under-