

took steps for a reformation. But "Rome was not built in a day," and he was quite aware of the fact, that the Indians were not to be won over in a short space of time. However, he worked with earnest zeal and sincere faithfulness, together with Mrs. Horden, who was in every respect a help *meet* for him as a Missionary. Notwithstanding the great opposition he met with from the hostile Indians, he continued to preach "Christ and Him crucified" unto them, so that, at length they began to listen to the "Ayah-mehaokemow," "the speaking gentleman," and admire his courage and perseverance. During the Summer months he was obliged to hold open air services, as no house in the Fort would contain them all, or accommodate them with seats. The English services, however, were conducted in one of the Hudson Bay Co's. houses, which also served as a School house.

There was an excessive amount of work to be done with regard to the establishment of a Mission at Moose Fort. A Church had to be built, and a parsonage was absolutely necessary, and all these requisites had to be completed to a certain extent before the approaching winter. The Hudson's Bay Company kindly undertook the responsibility of building the Church and promised ultimately to give help in building a house for the "parson," who in the meantime was busily engaged in putting up that building, himself working hard, with coat discarded, at the head of a small band of men. Thanks to his knowledge of the blacksmith's art, he could now bring his accomplishments in that craft to practical use, such as the making of stove pipes, bolts, spikes, nails, &c., all of which had to be manufactured, as the importation of such articles ready made, was extremely expensive. Along with his superintending the work of the Church and Parsonage, he was constantly among the Indians, endeavouring to awaken them to the sense of their sinful condition, and to bring them into the knowledge of the Saviour. At the same time he was working hard to make himself acquainted with the language of the Crees, and in consequence of unwearied application, and continual contact with them, he soon acquired a sufficient knowledge of it, to be able to speak it remarkably well, and thus free himself from depending on an interpreter. Such an accomplishment is no mean one, as it involves a considerable amount of study, and it is moreover a key to the Indian's heart.

During the winter he was engaged in translating portions of the New Testament, and the morning and evening services. Both of these books were ready for the press by the following summer, and what was more, the Church was completed and ready for divine service. A fine log building, with a prominent tower and nicely furnished vestry; a building which the Bishop used to look upon with pardonable pride, and which he designated as a "Church Cathedral." It was dedicated amid the pride and admiration of the inhabitants of the Fort, and it received the name of "St. Thomas."