

as Chairman. Several loads of stone and sand were promised, and the settlers have all agreed to draft the stone and sand free. After the meeting five of the building Committee, myself and two other ladies drove to the site chosen in the face of a blinding snow storm, and they marked it out. I was determined to take the first stone to the place, so some of the young men found a large granite stone for me to put in the cutter (kind of sleigh); we drove it there and I placed it at one of the corners."

It will be seen from the Bishop's letter that this Church is to receive part of the furniture of the now disused St. John's Chapel at the College, and from the report of the Executive Committee Meeting that a grant of one-fifth the cost, up to the amount of one thousand dollars, has been promised from the S.P.C.K. block grant. Mrs. Cameron adds "I fear it will cost more than I at first thought, so I am working hard to raise the money."

The Rev. A. C. Kettle is leaving Touchwood soon after Easter, and will visit Eastern Canada on behalf of the Indian Missions.

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION, FORT PELLY.

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This Mission is situated on Key's Reserve on the left banks of the Assiniboine. The present population of the Key's Reserve is small, only seventy all told. Of that number thirty-three are still pagans, including the chief and all his family. The attitude of the pagans towards Christianity is not one of fierce hatred as in some places. On the other hand, it is not easy to obtain a hearing for the Gospel at their hands. They have all heard the good news with their ears but not yet in their hearts. All the influence of those interested in heathen worship, *i.e.*, *dances and feasts*, is set against those who wish to profess CHRIST, and every one who does profess Him is sure to receive a liberal share of persecution. They (the enquirers) are also afraid of the bad medicines of pagan medicine men who are credited with unlimited power for good and ill over the lives of men, and also with being in league with the bad spirits who are always ready to do their baneful bidding. There is a most substantial foundation under this reputation of the medicine men; they do possess a wonderful knowledge of the virtues of herbs, roots, barks, &c. Their evil reputation is undoubtedly due solely to the use they make of slow poisons secretly given in the food or drink of their victims. But he would be a clever man who by reasoning could convince the Indians, whether pagan or Christian, that there is no connection between these "bad works" and witchcraft pure and simple. There are some white people who believe that the Indians possess a power for evil beyond natural laws and natural knowledge. What wonder then if the medicine man holds his own untutored brother in mortal fear of his