

### FORT PELLY IS A GAINER.

The Rev. C. W. Whyte, B A., applied to the Synod's committee some weeks ago to find a teacher for the public school at Fort Pelly, a Hudson's Bay Company's post some twenty miles north of the Crowstand, where Mr. Whyte holds an English service once a month. The trustees had difficulty in getting anybody and would be glad to accept a recommendation from him, and for his own part he was anxious that the teacher there should be in sympathy with his work among both whites and Indians, for it would be in her power to do much to help or hinder. The committee was unable to name anyone off-hand, and while correspondence with likely persons was going on, Miss Whyte, a sister of the missionary, and one who has for several months acted as assistant in the mission, has offered herself for the position and been accepted. Miss Whyte is a school teacher of high standing, and while we hope the light work at Fort Pelly will prove less trying to her health than the crowded Crowstand boarding school, we are confident that her influence will be of a missionary character wherever she goes.

### A NEW BUILDING AT BIRTLE.

The Birtle Indian school is to have a new building. Its work for the past three years has been done in a rented house, and good work it has been in spite of many inconveniences. Now the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to which so much of the extension of the work among the Indians is due, has granted, after the approbation of the Assembly's committee was secured, the sum of \$5,000 for new premises. It is expected that the site, fencing and outbuildings will cost \$1,000, leaving \$4,000 to be devoted to the main structure. The most conveniently located and most picturesque site in Birtle has been chosen; suitable plans have been prepared; tests for water are now being made, and it is hoped that the work of erection will be begun within a week or two. The plans call for a frame building on stone foundation, 72 feet long; two stories high, besides basement and attic. One wing will be devoted to the boys, the other to the girls, and between will be the officers' quarters.

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### SOON RIPE.

Christian work among the Indians in the Northwest has suffered a severe blow in the sudden removal by death of Mrs. Nichol, wife of the Rev. F. O. Nichol, of Mistawasis. It is but a year since, a bride, she left her home in Port Hope to share the joys and trials of a missionary's life. After a busy winter and spring she returned to Ontario to spend a couple of months among old friends, and while there her story added fresh fire to the enthusiasm of many a willing worker. While on her way back to the Northwest she complained to friends who met her in Winnipeg and Brandon of feeling unwell, but, declining invitations to delay, she hastened on