

inferiority of day schools to boarding schools having become very apparent, it was merged in the new boarding and industrial school at Birtle, under G. G. and Miss McLaren. This school was intended for the benefit both of the Sioux reserve and also of the Salteaux reserves to the north and east, which were under the care of Mr. Flett. After occupying rented premises for several years, a fine stone building, costing about \$7,000, has recently been erected and the school is now in charge of Mr. Neil Gilmour, who succeeded Mr. McLaren in 1894, with Miss McLaren and Miss McLeod who take charge of the house-keeping department.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

The ladies of Portage la Prairie established an independent missionary society among themselves, in 1884, to care for the neglected Sioux Indians about the town. This was in course of time placed under the care of the Presbyterian Church and in the hands of its devoted teachers, formerly Miss Walker and Miss Fraser, now Miss Fraser and Miss Laidlaw, is doing excellent work. Religious services, in which the Indians themselves engage with great heartiness, were formerly carried on during the summer in a tent near where the Indians have their summer camping ground, and during the winter in a little church which the Indians themselves built. But two years ago the Indians bought with savings, which to their improvident minds imply a tremendous amount of self-denial, a tract of 30 acres adjoining the town, and here on a site given by them, a neat church was erected last summer.

PIPESTONE.

There is a small band of Sioux Indians on the Pipestone Reserve, south-west of Virden in Western Manitoba. The Christian Endeavor Society of Virden in 1892 began a good work among them which at their