

The size of the church agreed upon was 25ft.x30, to be built of spruce logs hewn to 7 inches, with six windows, a belfry a porch over the door and a brick flue. It was agreed that it should be neatly finished within and without. After discussing the letting of a contract for the logs and several other minor matters the meeting closed.

Mr. Laird adds that the church will be large enough to accommodate all the people of the reserve: it is to cost about \$250 of which it is expected \$100 will be raised within the bounds of the mission.

#### MR. LAIRD'S RESIGNATION.

Since the above was in type a letter dated February 6th has been received from the Rev. G. A. Laird in which he resigns his post as missionary to the Indians at the Crowstand. For some time Mr. and Mrs. Laird have felt that the education of their growing family of boys demanded either that they should be sent away from home to complete their education away from the heathen influences of an Indian community, or that, giving up this work, the whole family should find some new sphere of service. Other considerations have led to the adoption of the latter alternative and Mr. Laird, after speaking of what he has tried to accomplish, goes on to say: "I willingly acknowledge that my administration of the school has come very far short of what I could desire, and as intimated to the Committee some time ago my wish was to be relieved. I therefore place my resignation in your hands to take effect at the end of the present quarter. In addition to family considerations already referred to in former letters, I take this step on the ground that the health of both Mrs. Laird and myself is somewhat impaired. After a brief period of rest and change I hope to be able to undertake mission work in any place which God in his providence may open." Mr. Laird has been a faithful and laborious missionary, and a great change has come over the Crowstand reserve since he went there. Not only have there been signs of progress among the adult Indians, such as that indicated in the paragraph above, but the school which on his arrival was but a small day-school has grown to be the largest industrial school under the control of the Church.

#### READY RESPONSES.

In response to the suggestion last month that it would be appropriate to acknowledge the services of John Passage, the self-supporting Indian missionary on Lake Manitoba, the editor has been enabled to send him a gift of \$25. The need of a bell at the Stoney Plain was mentioned the month before and as a result, three (!) bells have been offered. Many thanks to our friends.