

to deal with the matter. The Executive Committee met 3 months after the Synod. When the Officers were elected, Miss Boyce, of Qu'Appelle Station, was made Diocesan correspondent. Owing to poor health she has not yet been able to act. At present they are selling their furniture and are preparing to leave for Toronto, where they intend to reside for the future. I regret their departure very much. Miss Boyce would have been such a help in the W.A. I am, however, glad to say the Society is fairly started. There are five Branches and I hope to hear of several others within a week. The Annual meetings of many of the Women's Guilds are about Easter and some were anxious to complete the year before making any change. If I could visit the parishes, it would grow faster; but this would mean travelling 1000 miles there and back to the most distant ones. Some parishes hold back from joining because they cannot do anything beyond working for their own parishes. Indeed, this is the state of nearly all our parishes. At present most of them are struggling missions. I ask them to join and use the prayers if they cannot work or give. If they do this faithfully it must bear fruit. I am so thankful to those who so kindly helped us last year by sending clothing for the Gordon School, and the Indians at Touchwood. Notwithstanding the greatest economy in the management of the school, it takes about \$25 a year more for each pupil than what is covered by the Government grant. In the straitened state of the finances, some members of the Executive Committee were in favor of giving up the school rather than make a farther reduction in the stipends of the clergy. I sincerely hope that this will not be necessary, for we owe something to these poor Indians whose land is being peopled with so many nationalities. The game and fur-bearing animals which formerly supplied the red man with food and clothing, retreat before civilization, and many years must elapse before he can adapt himself to the changed circumstances. Mrs. Smythe, a sister of the Rev. W. Beck (who a good many years ago was connected with St. John's College, Winnipeg) teaches a day school for Indian children on Day Star's Reserve. A short time ago she wrote to say she would be willing to go to the tents and huts in the Reserve, and teach the women in the afternoon after her school was over. I wrote to Mr. E. H. Bassing to ask his opinion about it. He thinks it would be a very good thing