

who see connection between the Indians and the lost Jewish tribes will note that there is not a pig on the reserve.

RELIGION.

The good seed which was sown in Minnesota by the devoted missionaries, Williamson and Riggs fifty years ago has borne a bountiful harvest among these Dakotas of our Northwest. The Sabbath is well observed, daily worship is maintained in many of the houses, and the people have a comfortable church. A belfry in front of the church, which is 32x18 feet, makes the church a prominent object on the prairie. This enterprising band have lately added a handsome harmonium costing \$80 or \$90 to their church, and are exceedingly fond of sacred music. A young Sioux named Thunder, now employed in the Indian office, Birtle, who has been away at school and has learned to play the organ, makes his journey every week to the reserve to lend his aid. The minister of the reserve is Rev. Solomon Tunkasaiyice, a pure Dakota, ordained in the United States. He cannot speak English well, but is an adept in his own tongue. Solomon of the unpronounceable name makes occasional journeys to the wandering bands of his countrymen at Moose Jaw and Portage la Prairie. In his absence several of the elders can lead the service, and at present a young student of Manitoba College, Mr. Macdonald makes a fortnightly visit to the reserve and speaks through an interpreter. Solomon, the minister, had but returned before our visit, and is not in good health.

EDUCATION.

The school is under the care of Mr. Burgess, who for several years has been on the reserve, and is now becoming well versed in the Sioux language. The reserve though not very large has the dwellings so scattered that the distances come by a number of the pupils are considerable. The number of children on the roll is 27, and the average is 11. Mr. Burgess had the good fortune to receive one of the four prizes offered to Indian schools for the satisfactory condition of the Bird-tail reserve school. Mr. Burgess is respected by the Indians, and is of much use to the Indians in helping in their church service. Mr Burgess is unmarried and lives on or near the reserve.

MR. MARKLE'S AGENCY.

The writer has been living for some weeks within the agency under the care of Mr. J. A. Markle. Mr. Markle has his house