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NOTES AND COMMENTS

### Story of Western Mennonites

This is the season for reunions. Every week some community or family are reported as having assembled for the purpose of reviving old associations and possibly making new ones.

The spirit that prompts this desire to cement old ties is a fine one. Nowadays the "little old red schoolhouse" and the "old farm" are too often forgotten in a seeking after material advancement. In the hurried scamp of modern existence one is apt to allow old memories to become dimmed or old friends to be forgotten. There are so many other phases of twentieth century life to keep them crowded out. Sons and daughters of the old homestead have gone to the cities and become successful; the atmosphere of their youth is over-riden by other emotions; their social activities prevent visits to the place of their birth. But at the bottom of their hearts they feel that is the only real home and that its occupants are the only real friends.

And so they flock back to these reunions, to renew for one brief moment the happiness of their childhood. Long may these same reunions continue.

### PRESENTED WITH GOLD WATCH

An unfortunate error crept into the columns of this paper last week when certain information was erroneously printed in respect to the name of Mr. E. H. Talbot. The article should have been printed thus:

On Friday evening July 3rd a highly pleasing event took place at the home in Whitechurch of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Talbot. It marked the occasion of Mr. Talbot's 73rd birthday. Tea was served on the lawn, the tables being commemorative of the event by the decoration of a big birthday cake, bearing 73 candles, banked by decorations of roses on all sides. During the tea hour Eldon Staley the eldest grandson read a short address to the honored guest while Jean Talbot the eldest granddaughter presented him with a gold watch, a gift from the family. Mr. Talbot was greatly surprised and spoke feelingly of the kindly way in which his family and friends had remembered him. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Shackleton Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Russell of Bedford Park, Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Brown of Lemonville, Harry Woodland of Uxbridge, and Dr. Cockerill of New York.

[The last issue of The Tribune contained a three column article on the life of the Western Canadian Mennonites as they stuck to the old orthodox. Many of them have broken the Yoke, and the writer here relates what he has seen since the change came about.]

And what has become of the Mennonites who have broken away from the old faith? Slowly but surely they are changing. Gradually they are throwing off the restraints that held them down, and now they are finding themselves face to face with other problems to which they seem unable to find a solution, but which will undoubtedly solve themselves in time. Too conservative by nature to throw off all their customs at once, they are vainly trying to maintain them and adopt those of Canadians as well, often with pitiful results. Children are lost to their parents as they become Anglicized.

Unfortunately the young folks here as elsewhere are more apt to copy the vices rather than the virtues of their neighbors; consequently the use of slang, swearing, smoking, drinking and all other cheapening influences are found at work among them. The steadily increasing use of cars and all-night dances are responsible for a good deal of immorality among the young folks.

Their dances—not yet wholly approved of by the older generation—are often carried on in a most unwholesome atmosphere; usually in some barn or granary half lighted. They are patronized indiscriminately by wild young men of all nationalities, who come there half drunk from miles around. On the other hand, it is hard to find one institution outside the public school of an uplifting character.

No wonder the folks sadly shake their heads and declare their fathers were right after all: the world is going to the devil. Perhaps if we could see some of the tragedies enacted in these homes we would be more tolerant toward them, as they cling fearfully to their faith and customs which kept their fathers a sober and industrious people.

Change and Disunity  
In some cases the impact of modern materialism is working havoc with whole communities.

A few weeks ago I had occasion to visit the Mennonite village of Osterwick, near Morden, Manitoba, after an absence of six years. I received a very real shock at the change that had taken place in that short time.

I knew at once that something had happened to the quiet peaceful little village, with its rows of whitewashed houses, as I had last seen it. The houses were still huddled beneath great maple trees, but they had lost their gleaming whiteness. All but one or two were badly in need of a coat of paint; tall grass and weeds or else black soil had replaced the neatly-kept flower beds; everywhere were signs of poverty and neglect. I felt I was visiting the Deserted Village.

A change in architecture had also taken place, such as the addition of a sun porch here and there or the use of blinds instead of shutters. Only in a few instances were the barns still attached to the houses, and even these were modernized by the adoption of a ventilation capola. In front of a few of the houses sat groups of dejected-looking men and women on doorsteps or on grassless lawns. Others looked out at us through windows as we passed down the street.

A group of young lads flocked about our car as we stopped, but they were not the sombre-clad little fellows I had known. These were "Whoopie" overalls, blue shirts with bow ties; some had on sombreros and several were smoking cigarettes. For a moment I wondered if I had struck the right village.

I enquired in English after some of the old folks I had known, but gathered from the conversation among themselves that they knew nothing about them. I repeated my question in Mennonite, when one of the older lads informed me that they had gone to Mexico. I asked for one after another but received the same answer, "Gone to Mexico."

I was puzzled. Who then were these inhabitants? As I could get little satisfaction from these lads I decided to get information elsewhere. Under pretense of getting a drink of water, I rapped at one door after another, but received no answer. Finally I was admitted to one of the more prosperous-looking homes. It was freshly painted and still had the remnant of a flower garden. I de-

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At the end of two months of study M. Wolkoff, principal of the Winkler school, put on an educational demonstration at Morden consisting of reading tests up to the fifth grade story telling, and a spelling match, thus demonstrating that at the end of two months these new immigrants knew English better than the Old Colonists after a residence of thirty four years.

Many are at the present time attending high school at Winkler, Gretna, Altona and Steinbach, in order to make good their European certificates. Their chief work here, of course, is the study of English.

In dress they are very modern adopting Canadian styles as soon as they can afford to do so.

One cannot help but sense in them a desperate effort to retrieve their lost fortunes in this country, and it will require careful and sympathetic guidance to save them from the danger of materialism.

Although they have among their number not a few professional people the majority of them are farmers. While in Russia, each little community sent out two delegates each year to educational centres of other countries to study the most advanced methods in education and agriculture. Accordingly they are adopting similar progressive methods in this country. A short time ago they held a large conference in Winnipeg.

True they are at present so poverty-stricken that they have neither money to paint their houses nor time to cultivate their flower gardens, but with such splendid, industrious and ambitious inhabitants, and a few years of successful crops, these villages are bound to blossom forth in greater beauty and prosperity than ever before.

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