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body of teachers, and delays the period when the services of the poorer qualified teachers could be altogether dispensed with. Six of the teachers hold regular certificates, the rest teach on interim certificates. The standing of about twelve of these is such that with a three to six months' special preparation they might pass the Non-Professional third-class teachers' examination. Seven teachers pursued Professional and eleven others Non-Professional studies at the last Normal Session held at Gretna.

Comparing the state of education among the Mennonites to-day with that of about eight years ago, when special steps were taken to induce them to adopt the

public school system and improve their schools it is gratifying to observe that great progress has been made. The number of schools that have come under Government control has more than trebled; the standard of teachers has been immensely raised; the schools are much farther advanced; very much of the prejudice against the English language has disappeared, and a large number of people entertain much more liberal views in regard to education. With these gains, which mean so much of an increase of the forces making for progress, it may be reasonably expected that the movement will continue to spread, and progress in the future be even more rapid and satisfactory.

—H. H. EWERT.