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# PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL HOMES

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**F**OR nearly eighteen years the Presbyterian Church has been trying to meet the demand for a more enlightened Gospel among the peoples who have come from the central and southern part of Europe. Through direct evangelistic effort, and through the kindly ministry of well equipped hospitals, much has been done to teach the people that there is a better way of life. But the missionary effort that promises to surpass all others in effectiveness and fruitfulness is that undertaken through the medium of the "School Home."

## The Story of the Venture

The history of this venture dates back almost to the beginning of mission work among the Ukrainians in Canada. The first undertaking was the opening of Schools directed and controlled by the Church. These Schools were handed over to the care of the State just as soon as the State provided the organization necessary to direct them. At that time a few men advocated very strongly the erecting of residences adjacent to these Schools into which the children might be gathered from the outskirts of the colonies, placed under the care of carefully selected supervisors and given the best kind of religious instruction.

The Synod's Committee of Manitoba and Saskatchewan failed to be persuaded, however, and it remained for Rev. Dr. Arthur, one of the original advocates, who was just then being transferred to Vegreville, to induce the W.H.M.S. of that time to put into execution

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