

The future men and women of Canada will be just what the teacher makes them.—*Dr. MacVicar.*

The first care of the Government should be to aid elementary education of every description.—*The Hon. H. T. Duffy.*

The duty of the Government is to establish a system of education which shall produce the best men and the best citizens.—*The Hon. G. W. Stephens.*

The grant to elementary education in this province has remained almost stationary since Confederation, notwithstanding that settlements have been spreading out and schools have multiplied, thus making the claims upon it more numerous. To remedy matters, a greater interest must be aroused among the rate-payers in the rural parts.—*Mr. W. A. Weir, M.P.P.*

I hope for a more generous appreciation of schools and school work, which implies a just conception of the value of the child as the coming citizen, who is to be the chief factor in the prosperity of the state, adding to her wealth materially, intellectually and morally, sturdily maintaining her institutions, valiantly defending her rights—honest, upright, incorruptible, large-hearted, fearless.—*Dr. Robins.*

The system of examinations is pernicious when used for purposes of promotion and comparison with the results of other schools.—*Rev. E. I. Rexford.*

With no true nation formed, with only the physical bindings of trade intercommunications to keep us together, with our fair Dominion anything but a moral personality working for humanity without and for the uplifting of the races within its borders, we can also see how equally absurd it would be to blame the Canadian Confederation as a whole, struggling as it is towards manhood, for our educational deficiencies, or even to look to the Federal executive for amelioration.

The notion of advocating a national school, where there is no nation, is absurd. And so Canada cannot have national schools for the present.

But we can at least have the connecting link in educational affairs which they have in the United States. We can have a central advisory, sub-department at Ottawa, which, without any direct administrative function, shall be the exponent of the nation that is to be, while allowing the