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OF all the "revivals" that have ever been engineered on the Continent of North America, none of them (humanly speaking) have held greater potentiality for permanent good than the recent Educational Conference, a distinctly national if not international movement, which, for convenience, was held in Winnipeg last month.

We have attended and taken part in many public-spirited functions of the sort in both hemispheres, but we never experienced anything that was so "worth while," so prophetic of great things and of such uniform excellence from start to finish of the three days of intellectual and spiritual banqueting.

In this issue it is not possible to begin to do justice to our appreciation of the event, and of even a small part of its proceedings. As, however, our big Christmas issue is due to subscribers early in December, it is our purpose to publish verbatim as far as possible the meat of this fine incident. The one hope of Canada is in her young people, and be he farmer, farrier or field preacher, there is nothing of greater import to his whole circumstance than the immediate and future interest of the country's child life.

For the moment, we reproduce herewith the wonderful statement of the case as presented by Dr. Theodore Soares, who spoke as follows:

"The premier educator of the

The School and Development of Moral Purpose

Address Delivered to the Educational Conference in
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United States, President Eliot, of Harvard, when he was in Chicago ten years ago at the Centenary of Abraham Lincoln, stated to a group of public school teachers: 'It is the business of public education in the United States to produce the type of character that

serious and far-reaching challenge.

"Does it not mean that the type of manhood and womanhood that we are seeking must be expressed in terms of social reaction? The really educated person is the person who can respond, and who

corporation who knows how and is willing to respond to the social situation of an earnest conference with a great body of employees who think they are wronged; it is the social situation of young people in their leisure moments—reading books, going to theatres, beholding scenery and doing all the other things that are worth doing. It is the social situation of sitting down and filling out your income tax schedule, not because the government makes you, but because you are a part of the community and you want to bear your part.

"It is the kind of response to a social situation that leads the soldier to die. All the way from the little child to that superb and supreme sacrifice you have essentially the same type of socialized being. The aim of education is to progressively produce that, and it fails utterly when it fails in that.

"Now the person who, in the process of that education realizes the meaning of the social demands upon him and is making earnest efforts to meet them, is the person who has moral purpose. So moral purpose is integral



THE "MAKINGS" OF THE TYPE OF WOMANHOOD WE SEEK

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was so superbly manifested in Abraham Lincoln.' Abraham Lincoln was very little a product of the schools, and he did not know a great many things that every public school teacher in Canada or the United States knows very well, yet nobody would for a single moment find fault with that

will respond efficiently to every social situation in which he finds himself. Of course, that covers the whole range of life. It is the child of six years of age who knows how and is willing to respond to the social situation of washing dishes with mother; it is the man at the head of the great

in the entire school system.

"The child has a very difficult time nowadays. A hundred years ago it was a great deal easier to be a child in Winnipeg—if there was a Winnipeg—because I take it that what is now Winnipeg was at that time the abode of the Indian savage. The child who was