

men, active in the professional, business and educational life in Winnipeg, resolved to come together to discuss the matter, and determine what action, if any, should be taken. On the invitation of His Honor Sir James Aikins, a meeting for this purpose was held at Government House and the progress of the discussion showed that all present were deeply interested, profoundly impressed with the need, and fully persuaded of the possibility of making a forward movement in education. It was recognized that any movement of the kind to be effective should be national in its scope and should command the interest and sympathy of all the people in every part of the Dominion without distinction of race or creed. To ascertain the extent to which such interest existed or could be aroused, a central committee was organized. Five gentlemen undertook to contribute one thousand dollars each for preliminary expenses and steps were then taken to present the matter to groups in the larger cities throughout Canada. Some forty cities and towns were covered, and local committees formed. Without going into detail, it may be sufficient to say that great interest was manifested at every point and that the various discussions led to the determination to call a national conference to discuss the question of moral education and training for citizenship. The purpose of the conference is to stimulate public interest so as to accentuate character training in the schools and other institutions. It is further hoped that one of the outcomes may be the establishment of a foundation for the study of the whole problem, the result of this study to be made available for educational workers everywhere.

The Rotary clubs undertook the finance and the necessary funds are in sight for the holding of the conference. The sum of \$70,000 has been pledged for the purpose. It is planned to hold the conference at Winnipeg on October 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1919, and an outline of the tentative programme will be found on pages 5, 6, and 7.

The Finance Committee consists of Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, Past International President of the Rotary Club; Sir James Aikins, W. J. Bulman, President Canadian Manufacturers' Association; H. W. Wood, Calgary, President Canadian Council of Agriculture; and N. P. Lambert, Secretary of the same organization. The Chairman of the Programme Committee is Chief Justice Mathers. Sir James Aikins, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, is Chairman of the Convening Committee at Winnipeg, and His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, the Governor-General of Canada, has graciously accorded his patronage to the conference and has consented to be present.