

Eduard C. Lindeman of New York Accepts Honorary Chairmanship

SINCE the death of John Dewey, the school's first honorary president, many requests have been received regarding a successor. On September 15 an announcement was made at a New York faculty dinner that Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman, of the New York School of Social Work, had accepted that honor.

Because Dr. Lindeman could not be present, his friend Frank Weil, was asked to appear as a guest. Mr. Weil, who is a prominent New York attorney, referring to Dr. Lindeman as "one of the most exciting men in the public eye," said, "he represents to me making the most of the American opportunity" in spite of a difficult youth.

Born in Michigan, son of Danish immigrants, the only schooling he had was in a Protestant parochial school where German was the only language spoken. He worked as a laborer until he was 21, then applied for admission to the Michigan Agricultural College and was admitted. Since he could not speak English it took five years instead of four. "Today," said Mr. Weil, "he is one of the masters of spoken English. He graduated in 1911 and went to Detroit, where he was editor of *The Gleaners*, a farm paper, and he has been gleaning ever since."

"One of his heroes is the American citizen in a voluntary capacity," Mr. Weil related. "That should be of interest to you who are volunteer teachers. Not long ago he told of a fantasy he had written in which he dreamed that if all the volunteers in social work and education—thirty million people—were to stop voluntary activity, the country would become a dictatorship in six months."