

the best talent may be developed and consecrated. Not unless the rains fall from heaven will the garden bloom and prosper; but only in proportion to the culture given will it produce its choicest fruits in greatest abundance. Let us prayerfully ask how we can most fully prepare our rising youth for the grand possibilities of this great Dominion, and let us stand by our own Victoria University and our other great educational institutions. We still hold and teach, "He that believeth hath the witness in himself." On this fact of experience our fellowship in Christ is based. Where the experience is wanting, or where it is scouted as an impossibility or a mere imagination, we are not surprised to find one who can see no good in it—who can catch at any objection, however frivolous, to cast discredit upon it. Brethren, it would be no gain to the Church or to the individuals concerned to have on the Church roll a long list of moralists, formalists, and mere externalists. The wisest, the ripest, the most thoughtful of our people prize it as a precious Gospel privilege, and we are assured will still continue "steadfastly in fellowship," as well as in "the Apostle's doctrine, and breaking of bread, and in prayers." We trust that where youth or inexperience or timidity hinders, or where misrepresentation has misled any, such judicious kindness may be shown by leaders and members as will make plain the right way.

We rejoice to inform you of the proposed Ecumenical Council of world-wide Methodism. We believe it may be made of immense service in toning down unseemly asperities, removing unhealthy emulations, providing for the more effective consolidation and prosecution of our common work, giving exercise and increase to all brotherly charities, and proving to one another and to the whole world that Methodism is one the world over. On its behalf we ask your fervent prayers.

Some of our brethren, worn down by toil, and enfeebled by sickness, have had to ask for the painful necessity of superannuation. Let our united sympathies cheer their forced