

higher educational work for the present year. About two-thirds of this sum is for their strictly theological training, and one-third for assisting their general education. No investment of the Church can be more reproductive of the best results than this. If we are to exert our due influence upon the future destinies of this Dominion, we must use to the utmost all those educational appliances which the providence of God has placed at our command. We must vigorously sustain those institutions which, often at the cost of great personal sacrifice, the courage and faith and munificent liberality of our fathers in the gospel planted in the past; and we must emulate their faith and zeal in carrying out a far-sighted and comprehensive scheme of higher education, under the fostering care of our Church, for our young people, "that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

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THE encouragement accorded during the past year to this latest venture in Methodist literature has been of the most cordial description. It has already won an appreciative constituency of readers, extending from the sunny Bermudas to the distant shores of the Pacific Ocean. We have our still more remote readers in India, in Japan, in New Zealand, and also in many parts of the dear old mother land of the English-speaking race. We know of no similar enterprise which has been so favorably received. Projected in the face of serious difficulties, and in a time of extreme monetary stringency, it has met with an unanticipated success. For the cordial support of contributors and patrons we tender most hearty thanks, and solicit its continuance in still larger degree for the future. This MAGAZINE, we can confidently announce, will, during the coming year, contain many features of increased interest. For partial details we beg to refer to the Prospectus of the third volume. A year's editorial experience has suggested sundry plans of improvement, which the ampler leisure granted by release from other and engrossing duties will furnish the opportunity of carrying out. We hope by unvaried