

University work of our Church is concerned, we centralize just as much in Cobourg as we will do by coming to Toronto. The reasons which led the Methodists to adopt a policy of centralization, probably influenced the State in preferring one University for the Province.

*Objection.*—You will save nothing. An Arts College, such as is proposed, will cost as much as a University.

*Answer.*—If there is anyone who is so mentally warped as to believe that a College, teaching a limited number of branches, would require as large an expenditure for buildings, Professors, and apparatus as a complete University, it would be a waste of words to reason with such a person. I would, however, remind our brethren who talk so fluently about building up "a great denominational University," that it requires a large patronizing population, as well as money, to build up a great University. Some of the objections urged against Federation seem more like pretexts than sound reasons. It seems to me very inconsistent for gentlemen, who profess to be friends and admirers of Toronto University, to do all in their power to keep Methodists out of it, as if it belonged to others. If it is not what it ought to be, why not reform it, and make it fit for Methodist students to go to? If the Legislature should pass an Act excluding all Methodists from our Provincial University, we would resent it as an outrage. Yet, those who are so warmly opposing Federation are trying to accomplish what is virtually the same result, in another way.

In the foregoing pages, I have stated facts and arguments that must have weight with all unprejudiced men. I ask for them a candid consideration. In an editorial in the *CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN* of July 2nd, this statement occurs: "If any arrangement can be made that will allow us as Methodists to share, as well as others, the advantages of the provision made by the State for University education, and give us a sufficient assurance on the two points named, viz., religious supervision, and the character of professors—then we maintain it would be neither wise nor patriotic for us to stand aloof, and hand over the endowments of the University to other Churches which have no more claim to them than ourselves." I think what I have shown in this pamphlet fully proves that these two conditions are fairly met in the proposed plan of University Federation.