

has in the neighbouring States tended to bring degrees into contempt."

Even though we had a million of dollars, we think it would be a great mistake, a great disaster, if we were to refuse to join our resources to those of the National University, in which, as a Church numbering one-third of the people of Ontario, we have at least as large an interest as any other denomination in the Province. We have a duty to perform in moulding the higher intellectual life of the country and in taking our full share in the control of its leading institutions. Sir Daniel Wilson, speaking from the Toronto University standpoint, very truly remarked in his recent inaugural address, "Now that the Legislature, with the entire concurrence of the University authorities, has provided every facility for universities and colleges, representing the various Churches, to share in the government of this University, and bring their influence to bear on its intellectual and moral training, we have done our part. If left alone to carry on the work of this State University, experience has proved that, with an efficient faculty, there need be no doubt as to our satisfying the just demands of the community. We invite co-operation, not because we need it, but because we believe it to be in the best interests of higher education. The manifest tendency of popular judgment in relation to our whole scheme of Canadian education, from the common schools to the University, appears more and more to incline toward a purely national system, in which the rising generation shall not only enjoy ample privileges of intellectual training, fitting them for the duties of citizenship in a free state; but shall, as far as possible, mingle together in unconstrained equality in the impressible years of youth and

early manhood, instead of growing up in isolated divisions, unconsciously trained to exercise the ordinary duties of citizenship apart from those with whom their interests are, or should be, the same."

This is the ground taken by the late General Conference, the ground that we are confident is taken by the very large majority of the Methodist people of this country, as expressed by the delegates in the Conference and by their representatives in Parliament. We believe that, without a day's unnecessary delay, the governing authorities of Victoria University will carry out with energy the task committed to it by the highest authority known in our Church.

P.S.—The above article was written and in type before the meeting of the Board of Victoria University on the 11th of October. The action of that meeting but emphasizes the importance of sustaining the authority and carrying out the decision of the highest court known in Canadian Methodism. We sincerely hope that the Church may be spared the disquieting and despiritualizing results of a prolonged agitation on this question. It would be, in our judgment, an irreparable calamity to have a question—this question or any other question—which had been so definitely decided by the General Conference again discussed in every quarterly meeting in the country. The Church is engaged in a great work—the work of saving souls and building up the walls of Zion—and cannot afford to stop this work that her leaders may come down into the plain to waste their time and energies in an unseemly wrangle over a decision that, having once been made, should remain forever unquestioned and undisturbed.

THOUGH the difficulties throng
And the struggle may be long,
And the power of evil strong,
Hope on;

For to patient, brave endeavour
Cometh utter failure never,
And the crown at last forever
Shall be won.