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The Right Policy for Methodist Laymen.

The present crisis in the Methodist church in connection with the schemes for higher education has more interest for the laymen than it has for the clergy, though we believe the interests of both will be found identical.

Here is the situation in a nutshell. In order to build up a great Methodist university Victoria must be removed from Cobourg to some larger centre of population. In the event of removal the most obvious course would be to transplant it to Toronto, which is admittedly the educational centre of the province and offers many superior advantages.

Let us see what the alternative plan is. If the Methodist laymen choose they can confine their expenditure to what is necessary for the education of their clergy. For this a quarter or a third of a million will amply suffice, unless they wish to distance all the theological colleges in the country, and less than half a million will enable them to provide better buildings and apparatus than have been provided by any other denomination.

A Healthy Suggestion. Mr. N. Winter Blythe, medical health officer for St. Marylebone, prefers inhumation to cremation. His plan is "one body in one grave"—the burying ground to return to pasture and agricultural purposes at the end of five years.

It is easy to point to a number of advantages which the Methodist church would derive from such an arrangement. We have already specified the financial one, but that is even less important than the gain educationally would be.

It is strange that all those who speak of the U. E. loyalist demonstration last week are officials, namely, Lieut. Gov. Robinson, Lieut. Col. Denison, Senator Allan and Mr. Stray, who is in the custom house.

Union. Religious intolerance can hardly exist under such conditions, while the whole tendency of collegiate exclusiveness is to foster ecclesiastical bigotry and denominational pride.

From Old to New Westminster. We have received from Rowell & Hinchinson Mr. Sandford Fleming's book on "England and Canada, a Summer Tour between Old and New Westminster, with Historical Notes."

The main subject of the volume is, in brief, the importance of the new route between western Europe and the Pacific ocean, crossing the Atlantic ocean and the American continent.

In the last chapter the author touches on the political future of the nation, and its offsprings of nations. He looks forward to "closer union," but wisely enough, without committing himself to any particular view as to what this closer union is to consist of.

The Public Library. To the Editor of the World. Sir: The system pursued in the circulating department of the central public library seems somewhat defective in certain points.

To the Editor of the World. Sir: I was present on Sunday evening last to hear a sermon to young men by Rev. Mr. Cullen of Richmond street Methodist church, and was much surprised to hear the gentleman make the proposition that if England it was a part of the education of boys and girls that they should be made to take of their hair and courtesy too poor beggar people.

To the Editor of the World. Sir: In your issue of Wednesday last there are some sensible remarks about the superannuation of teachers. But do you not think it would be a good move for the real teachers to form a union so that their pay might be increased?

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Apply merely for the sake of change. They are not to be taken as a sign of any amount of thorough work among his pupils.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE. Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders Held at the Banking House, Toronto, at Noon on Tuesday, the 24th July, 1884.

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, June 30, 1883, carried forward \$750,000.00. Dividend No. 23, payable January, 1884, \$200,000.00.

Balance remaining at credit of Profit and Loss Account, after deduction of dividend, \$550,000.00. It will be observed from the statement submitted that the profits of the year enabled the Directors to pay the usual dividend of 8 per cent, provided for deposit and bank debits, leaving a surplus of \$155,919.65.

GENERAL STATEMENT 31st JUNE, 1884. ASSETS. Notes of the Bank \$2,554,773.90. Deposits not bearing interest 1,855,103.68.

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