

present, and a strictly all-Canadian route extended to Fort Simpson. Certainly some *modus vivendi* can be found.

THE GREAT STRIKE ENDED.

After many months of industrial war—for such it was—between the British engineers and their employees, the great strike is over. The loss of wages during these months of enforced idleness amounted to many millions, and the loss to the country from contracts going elsewhere amounted to vastly more. Worst of all was the alienation and bitterness between employers and employed, and the pinching poverty and penury of helpless women and children. Surely some board of conciliation or arbitration might be devised for the prevention of such evils. Not the commercial rivalry of Belgium or Germany is to be feared so much as the suicidal folly of such wasteful intestine war.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

We have seldom read a more masterly refutation than that by Chancellor Burwash of the attacks on Victoria University. He shows that, so far from being opposed to Toronto University, it is the only university in the country which has federated with the provincial institution; that as a theological school Victoria has no representation in the University Senate as Knox, Wycliffe, and St. Michael's have; that there is absolutely no such political unity in Methodism as obtains in other churches—that there is no Methodist vote in the interest of any government. Victoria has been accused of being sectarian and anti-scientific. The Chancellor shows that this is absolutely untrue. Both in the composition of her faculty and of her student *clientèle*, and in the spirit of her teaching she is broad and catholic and liberal. Instead of being anti-scientific, she established the first chair of science in Ontario; she erected the first building devoted exclusively to the teaching of science; and many of her students now occupy foremost places in the teaching of science; and none are more broadly in sympathy with the spirit and methods of true science. This discussion cannot fail to show how reasonable are the claims of Victoria for a true federation, and for a federal representation in the Senate of the Provincial University.

A MILLION FOR MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

The suggestion of Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., that the three million British Wesleyans should contribute the sum of one million pounds for connexional purposes as a memorial of the close of the century was received enthusiastically in Great Britain. The Rev. George Bond, editor of the *Wesleyan*, asks if the Methodism of the Dominion "cannot raise a million dollars to begin the new century with more adequate facilities for our church to do the great work to which it is providentially called in our growing Canada, and far beyond it? What a magnificent thing it would be. What an impetus it would give to all our interests. Is it too much to suggest, too much to hope for? Assuredly not. We have considerably over a quarter of a million of members in the Dominion. Counting three adherents to one member we have at least eight hundred thousand persons within our denomination. An average of little over a dollar for everyone bearing the Methodist name would give us the sum suggested. Let us raise it."

Editor Bond suggests Missions and Higher Education as the great objects to be thus aided.

DEATH OF MISS WILLARD.

As we go to press comes, what will bring to millions the sense of personal loss, the tidings of the death of Miss Frances E. Willard. One of the most touching evidences of the universal love in which she was held is the fact that during her short illness telegrams and cablegrams of tender inquiry poured in from all parts of the world. This noble-hearted woman, undowered with fortune, untitled in rank, was one of the best beloved in the wide world. Such universal love is the reward of her unselfish and unstinted devotion to a noble ideal. Our common Methodism may be proud of such a noble example of womanhood.

QUEEN *versus* KAISER.

We observe that the other day Her Majesty the Queen, the ruler of the greatest empire in the world, was fined five shillings by a London magistrate for violation of the law, in permitting one of her dogs to go unmuzzled on the street, to the danger of her lieges. The fine was paid, and the majesty of the law was vindicated.