

teaching, that will be satisfactory to the public opinion of this Province. And if we reject this plan of Confederation, formulated with the assent and consent and help of the different college authorities, we are forever estopped from objecting to the granting of such State aid to the State University as it may require.

We can profoundly sympathize with our friends at Cobourg, and with the *Alumni* of Victoria, who wish to maintain the University as a separate institution. The feeling is alike creditable to them and to the university which so commands their allegiance. But having so educated public opinion as to cause the adoption of the safeguards of sound morality in the proposed State University, she can with dignity and propriety enter the federation which shall give effect to that desired result.

#### THE AFGHAN CRISIS.

To achieve "peace with honour" is one of the greatest triumphs of statesmanship. Whatever the clamour of the war-thirsty Jingoës of the London clubs may be, we cannot but think that the sober sense of the nation will thank God that the empire has been spared the unspeakable calamity of such an earth-shaking war as a conflict with Russia would be. Even our "little war" in the North-West brings home to us, as some of us have never felt before, the horrors and agony and bloodshed, the nameless wounds and frightful cost of war, even on so small a scale.

#### AN INDIAN WAR.

By the skill of General Middleton

and the gallantry of our volunteers the half-breed rebellion may be considered as crushed. The next problem is; What shall be done with the leaders? While a generous amnesty should be proclaimed toward their ignorant and deluded followers, these leaders should be brought strictly to account and, despite party exigency, should receive the just penalty of their heinous crime.

Our modern Frankenstein, by inciting an Indian revolt, has raised a spirit of baleful energy that he is unable to lay. The Indian on the war-path, especially when intoxicated with a transient success, with the pillage of farm-houses and capture of supplies, becomes a desperate and dangerous foe. All the demoniac passions of his nature are aroused, and, like the tiger that has tasted blood, he slays and destroys merely to glut his innate savagism. Let us pray God that our country be spared the horrors of an Indian war, such as for three hundred years made the frontiers of civilization on this continent the scene of slaughter, and gave to some of its most fertile regions the name of "the dark and bloody ground." Better offer a generous pardon to all but the blood-stained leaders—make liberal treaties with the native tribes—and, above all, at whatever cost, keep faith with the Indians. Let the white man's word be inviolable, and make it impossible for scrip-sharks, whiskey-smugglers, thieving Indian agents, and place-hunters, to bring reproach upon the white man's faith, by wrong and outrage of the redman's rights.

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## RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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#### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Rev. C. S. Eby, M.A., missionary in Japan, is now on a short furlough in Canada. His many friends will be glad to see him, and

his visit to the Conferences will no doubt tend to fan the missionary flame both among ministers and laymen.

It is gratifying to the friends of