

outside, judging by the silence, account them moribund. If anything really good takes place in your parish, send it to the press. It helps other parishes to follow a good example."

SUCCESS OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE PAPER.

We congratulate our brethren on the success of their Conference paper, the "Methodist Greeting." The report of the committee shows that out of the profits \$100 was paid to the Parsonage Aid, and \$30 to the Contingent Funds. To even be able to report a profit, no matter how slight, is exceedingly gratifying. The condition of our brethren in Newfoundland is very similar to ourselves; they are far removed from the centre, and have local interests all their own. If our friends are loyal we shall be able to make a good showing with the "Recorder." Now for a grand rally and press the securing of subscriptions.

THE RECORDER VS. THE GUARDIAN.

From time to time the objection has been raised that the "Recorder" was opposed to the "Guardian." Such is certainly not the case. The "Recorder" is purely local in its character, while the "Guardian" deals with general topics. Already the "Guardian" profits by the "Recorder" organization, for the editor of Church news in the "Recorder" uses the envelopes and postage of the "Recorder" to secure news matter for both. Our friends will find us always loyal to our Church, our Church interests and our general Church organ.

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THE INFANT UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST.

Among the living issues of British Columbian Methodism none could be of greater import than that of our Connexional College. Until recently this was rather an impalpable topic to many, and that not without reason. For as we review the unhappy experiences in its past history from its inauguration until within a short time ago, the unrealised hopes for it and the increasing financial embarrassment, it is little wonder that some of our people lost all interest and withdrew their support.

Nor would we reiterate these bitter events, bitterest to those most immediately connected with the institution, that reflection may be cast on any. For in a country as young as British Columbia, and governed in its growth as it is by spasmodic and eruptive commercial movements, during which the newest enterprise may spring in a short time to the forefront of importance, it is not surprising to see the same spirit connected with an educational enterprise. Nor can we with justice become more despondent when rapid upheaval is followed by equally as swift and complete depression in the one case more than the other. The volcanic quality predominates in every phase of our western life

and we must adjust our temper accordingly.

But now, at least, as far as our Columbian College is concerned, we have passed from the period of erratic volcanic construction and destruction, to the more reliable period of alluvial formation. Upon the bedrock of deepest depression and discouragement, a sure and reliable foundation has been steadily rising for the last two years or so. So much so that at the recent Conference the Principal, the Rev. W. J. Shippell, B. A., B.D., reported that for the first time the College had paid its own way as far as current income and income and expenditure was concerned, and that the number of students and the field of study covered had increased and widened. There can be no doubt, whatever, now, that Columbian College, with the same steady progress during the next few years, in pupils and income, as has marked the last year, will become an assured success and the pride of British Columbian Methodism.

It is unnecessary for us to dilate on the advantages of education. Nor need we refer to the supreme advantages of the higher education for which Columbian College offers increasing facilities. It is well enough known that the Canadian criterion of worth is not ancestry and wealth, but highest culture linked with purest character. The ideal social unit of the future, whether he be farmer, miner, merchant, sailor, legislator or priest will be the educated man of character. And the most convenient point at which this work can be done for the social unit, all other influences being

credited with their influence in this work, is the school, the college and the university.

Our immediate aim, however, in this article is to call back the attention and interest of those who may have lost heart and faith in Columbian College, to a renewed and intensified devotion to that institution, and to urge those whose faith and loyalty never wavered to greater enthusiasm.

In our possession of Columbian College in its present healthy condition, we, as a Church, have a nucleus of possibilities little dreamt of by many. What other institution is nearer attaining, in a very short time, the full dignity and status of an authorized university? In the not very distant future this Province must have an university, and why should Methodism miss this opportunity of meeting this demand to her own advantage, and that of the youth of the Province? In fact our present College has far greater promise of such development than in Victoria College, Toronto, had, when much longer in existence. Her financial struggles were just as great for our loyal forefathers to bear, as any we are encountering, with our Columbian College.

We have only our duty, and are blessed with our great privilege, steadily, bravely and practically to bear the financial strain for a while, cheered by the consciousness of a perceptible easing of the load, from an increasing ability of the institution to finance itself; and furthermore we must swell the ranks of the student body by sending our young people and inciting them to the widest attainments within the walls of our own College. The only outcome will then be a strong and fully equipped and well attended university, the pride of the hearts of our people, and the par of any other institution of the kind in Canada.

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