

Current Topics and Events.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

The fifth annual report of the Educational Society is a very encouraging one. The income of the Society is steadily increasing. Three years ago it was less than \$8,000. Now it is over \$19,000, and it is destined in the near future to be very greatly increased; \$30,000 is not too much to expect within three or four years more. It is now very nearly equal to the interest at five per cent. on an endowment of \$400,000. And no endowment can be half as good as the sympathy and intelligent liberality of the patrons of this Society. The rate of interest on endowments may fall, but the givings of the friends of higher education among us may be expected to increase from year to year, and the value of their prayers and sympathy and hearty co-operation cannot be estimated in money.

Notwithstanding the unanticipated difficulties which he has met, the success of the indefatigable Secretary of Education, in rolling up a Building and Endowment Fund for Victoria College, as a first-class institution in Toronto, in federation with the Provincial University, is something never known in Canadian Methodism before. For this purpose, apart from Mr. Gooderham's noble bequest, he has raised the very large sum of \$264,519, subscribed by 3,575 persons. But for the legal embargo upon his efforts he would, of course, have secured a very large additional sum.

The remarks made as to the value of endowment as compared with annual subscriptions, apply with equal force to the federated college as to the theological departments of the Methodist college. We are well able to go on with the federation scheme, even on the largest and most liberal scale that its friends desire. To hesitate to do so argues great

lack of faith in the Methodism of the future. As well might the Missionary Society refuse to carry on its gigantic operations, because it has not an endowment of \$4,000,000, as for us to distrust the intelligent piety of the Church of the future. Without a dollar in the treasury, the Missionary Committee votes appropriations of over \$200,000, trusting in God and in the Christian liberality of the Methodist people of this Dominion. A little more of the same faith and confidence in God and His people, would make our grand educational enterprises seem less arduous than they are.

RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN AUTHORS ABROAD.

It is very gratifying to find that Canadian authorship and scholarship often find in the great literary centres of the world that recognition which they sometimes fail to receive in their own country. The *New York Christian Advocate*, the most widely-read organ of Methodism in the world, thus speaks of Dr. Carman's recent volume on "The Guiding Eye:"

"The author's style is eloquent and persuasive. Many pages tempt the reader to quotation. In the first chapter upon the statement and relation of the doctrine of the Spirit's guidance, Dr. Carman, after reviewing in fine and well-chosen words the prominent doctrines of the Church, comes to this one as encompassing all, the doctrine of the indwelling Spirit in the hearts of believers; the ever-enlightening Spirit, directing Spirit, prompting Spirit, chastening Spirit, instructing Spirit, revealing and upholding and guiding Spirit, the uniting and helping Spirit, that the humble, faithful, teachable soul may advance from knowledge to knowledge, from strength to strength, from joy to joy; may prove in ever-opening opportunity and exercise that