

power?" Is this the policy which is to bring "our colleges and universities under the fostering care of the Church?" We are to have no Canadian university! but are to seek those fountains of intellectual life which the university should supply in a foreign land! All this is, of course, in perfect harmony

with the subordinate position assigned to denominational colleges by the presidents of the "true universities," and this, with the corresponding library and equipment, indicates the legitimate work to which they are so sagely advised to confine themselves.

FEDERATION AGAIN.

THE best answer to the accusation of the new anti-federation paper, *Methodist Topics*, that the METHODIST MAGAZINE refused a hearing to the Rev. Mr. Allen on this subject "unless on conditions almost prohibitory," is the appearance in this number of his long and strong anti-federation article—an article in type before the first number of *Methodist Topics* was published. From regard to the character of the writer of the article printed herewith, and from a desire to prevent our anti-federation friends from having the least vestige of ground of complaint that they do not get fair play, and more than fair play, in this MAGAZINE, it has gone to the expense of printing an inordinately long article—the longest contributed article it ever printed—to the exclusion of much interesting matter pledged to the public, although from the premises, arguments and conclusions of that article the Editor, from conscientious conviction, utterly dissents. We will expect, of course, that the *Methodist Topics* will show an equal love of fair play, by printing the much shorter article in which the Chancellor of the University defends the policy decided upon by the General Conference, and for the carrying out of which he is responsible. If it will not do this, it will at least, in common fairness, give the eight lines quoted below setting forth his estimate of the comparative cost of federation, of independence at Cobourg, and of independence at Toronto.

"Now these are the present facts :

"We have yet to raise for independence in Cobourg \$477,000

"For independence in Toronto..... 665,000

"For federation..... 110,000

"These in each case are net sums."

As to Mr. Allen's article in reply to Dr. Burwash, we have not much to say. We have no pleasure, but much pain, in having a controversy with Mr. Allen or with any one else on this subject. Dr. Burwash is amply able to defend both himself and the policy which he is appointed by the Church to carry out, if he think that such defence is necessary. If he do not so think, our readers have the material for forming a judgment by a comparison of Dr. Burwash's article in the February number of this MAGAZINE with that of Mr. Allen in the present number. We may assume that the strongest word has here been spoken against federation which it is possible to speak. Mr. Allen is a distinguished graduate of Victoria University, he is an enthusiastic lover of his *Alma Mater*, for three years he has been in charge of what may be called the university pulpit in the town of Cobourg. He has given much time and thought to this subject. He writes with clearness, force and vigour. He has not stinted himself as to space—his article is more than one-half longer than that to which it is a reply. Surely, with all these advantages, he has spoken the last word and the strongest word that can be said on this subject. We leave it to our