

which it is founded, and the wisdom, energy and faith of its promoters, and it has been proven that the culture of the University is desired by the people in sufficient numbers to make it possible and worth while to give it to them.

*Can this Method be Applied to the Solution of Our Problem?*

The Institutes being held at Ottawa, Kingston, Woodstock and London, under the auspices of the General E. L. and S. S. Board and the Educational Society of the Methodist Church are an experiment to see whether the *proven* results of this University work cannot be applied to the problem of encouraging the spread of the knowledge of the Scriptures and the Church among the people. There is no reason to doubt the complete success of the experiment in all essential features, and this being so, its application is possible on a very wide scale. If the staffs of our colleges were sufficiently large to permit some of them to be available at all times through the season to conduct University Extension Institute work for the study of Bible and Church, there is every reason to believe that the movement thus applied would be a success in every way.

*The Difficulties.*

The University Extension Movement where rightly carried on is a success in spite of the difficulties. Most of these difficulties do not exist when the idea is applied to the question in hand. Of course, the first does and must exist, the time is short and the courses must be brief. But life, too, is short, and all courses of study are relatively brief; yet there is time for much excellent and permanent work to be done.

A number of short courses make one longer course. It is a case of doing the best we can, and we can really do no small thing. **THE OTHER DIFFICULTIES DO NOT HERE EXIST.** The "centres" are already there—the churches, their Quarterly Boards and Sunday Schools. The subjects are of fundamental interest to all—no fanatic's narrow and futile dream, no transient value. Every church member ought to be interested. Ten per cent of these surely ought to be heartily and actively in sympathy, and would make it well worth while to church and college to undertake the work.

*Financial.*

Even less than this small percentage paying an annual fee of one dollar solves the financial problem of having every year in