

tian Ethics, Apologetics, and Biblical Literature are to be recognized in the University curriculum. How then can those who would be sent in future to raise funds for a denominational University persuade our intelligent laymen that such a University was necessary, because the Provincial University was not a fit place to which to send their sons? Nor will it be forgotten, that our own Board of Regents declared "that the general principle embodied in the present memorandum is in harmony with the principles we have long cherished;" and that "it was agreed to join the Federation, on educational and patriotic grounds." In view of all this, he must be wilfully or prejudicially blind who does not see that we cannot possibly get back into the position we formerly occupied, or use the old arguments to induce our people to support a denominational University. I have strong faith in the loyalty and liberality of the Methodist people; I believe they will do anything that is shown to be necessary for the success of our Church. But I cannot conceive of any appeals and arguments more forcible than those with which they have been plied in the past to sustain Victoria; and if the result has been a half-hearted response, that has left our University struggling to keep up, under an increasing debt, I see no ground for believing that similar appeals, on the same line, will be more successful, under circumstances which must greatly weaken their force.

III.

OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

The objections urged against Federation have been so largely efforts to disparage and caricature the movement, that it is difficult to select points for reply. Nearly all that I have heard, or read, on that side, has consisted of the unproved assumption of bad results; ungenerous allegations of unfriendly designs against Victoria, on the part of Toronto University and the Government; and sentimental appeals to denominational, or College feeling. I will take what are the strongest objections, and briefly and fairly reply to them.

Objection.—It is a departure from the traditional policy of Methodism, and, therefore, inconsistent with our past record respecting Higher Education.

Answer.—As the New Connexion, Bible Christians, and Primitive Methodists had no Colleges in Canada, this must refer to the Wesleyan Methodists, and the M. E. Church, which had the same general policy. We must not forget that it is a part of our educational policy, at present, to maintain a Theological College in Montreal, in connection