

the success of University Federation may be triumphantly assured. In the vocabulary of our Educational policy, as in that of Napoleon, there must be no such word as fail. The duty of the hour is for every one—whether opposed to federation or in favour of it—now that the decision has been made by the highest authority that can make it, to join hands heartily and work out the problem before us. We believe that upon every institution and enterprise of the age—especially upon our institutions of higher education—should be written “Holiness to the Lord.” We trust the Methodist Church will unite with the other religious denominations who already have their affiliated colleges in connection with Toronto University, and in no narrow or sectarian sense, but in the broad, free spirit of our common Christianity, strive to so surround the highest seat of learning in the Province with all the influences of faith and hope and prayer and consecration and high endeavour, as shall

make it like Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, and other great seats of learning—a centre of light and power and moral energy for the glory of God and the uplifting of man.

The result of Federation Sunday in Toronto was in the highest degree favourable to this movement, although the weather was bad, largely affecting the attendance. Although \$146,000 had already been subscribed in Toronto; yet in seven of its churches \$15,500 was subscribed for Federation in a single day. There is no doubt that the \$100,000 required by the first of May will be reached, though it will require a united and vigorous effort to reach it. We trust that then, if not before, all opposition will cease; for, as has been well remarked, a far larger question than Federation underlies the whole subject—the question of the government of the Church, the authority of the General Conference, the coherence and the well-being, if not the very existence, of the Connexion.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

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Much aggressive work is being done both in London and various provincial towns. Nothing in Methodism appears to command such universal attention. Recently a Baptist minister in Derby made the “Forward Movement” the theme of a Sabbath evening address, in which he declared, that it deserved to be designated “the 29th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.”

The West Central Mission of London recently celebrated its first anniversary, the report of which is truly marvellous. There was a sermon by the Rev. M. G. Pearse, and a convention, which occupied a whole afternoon, followed by an enthusiastic public meeting, when the attend-

ance was so great that an overflow meeting had to be held. The Rev. Dr. Rigg presided. A band of sisters devote all their time to the mission work. They not only hold religious meetings, but they visit from house to house, nurse sick women, provide for poor children, and not unfrequently perform menial duties, such as scrubbing floors and washing clothes.

Then there is a band of young men whose time is largely occupied in looking after youths from the country, and seeking by every means to reclaim those who may have been seduced from the paths of virtue. Mr. Joseph Nix, a large-hearted layman takes special charge of the lay-workers, and being an efficient local-preacher, and a man of great in-