

soul-satisfying joy. All our readings, thinkings, pleasures, and employments should be made subservient to our soul's growth in grace, and to the glory of God. Thus shall we find the grandest and noblest development of our immortal nature in serving God here and, at last, enjoying Him forever.

But let us not look back mournfully into the past. Let us rather look forward hopefully into the future. If we have wasted time, let us waste it no longer. The past is irrevocable; the future yet is ours. Let us endeavour, with the New Year, to serve God in newness of life. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

THE FEDERATION MOVEMENT.

This great movement has met with an amount of favour which we did not anticipate. We do not remember any event in the history of Canadian Methodism, with the exception of the recent union movement, which has been the occasion of such numerous and cordial congratulations from the public press—religious and secular, Canadian and foreign—as has this. The appointment of the Rev. Dr. Potts to the important position of Educational Secretary has also been most emphatically approved, and great expectations are entertained that under his energetic administration our entire educational policy shall receive a great impulse and be prosecuted with greater success than ever before. Already he has received much encouragement in his canvass for funds. And wherever he has attended educational meetings the income has been greatly increased—in many cases more than doubled.

We have had the privilege of seeing the competitive designs for the new college buildings. They are all of superior architectural merit, some of them of combined magnificence and elegance. Whichever design is selected, we shall have

collegiate buildings of which any Church ought be proud. The prudence and foresight of the Committee entrusted with selection of the design is shown in the fact that, actual tenders have been received of the amounts for which responsible contractors will complete the several contracts. The whole cost can therefore be determined not merely approximately but exactly. The Government has shown its good faith by setting aside five acres of the most eligible portion of University Park—the north-east corner—for the erection of these buildings, a site not to be surpassed—not, we think, to be equalled in the city. It will, we doubt not, be deemed of the utmost importance, in the interest of Victoria College, that no unnecessary time be lost in proceeding with the erection of the new buildings. The canvass for funds should be pressed immediately, and we have no doubt it will be, with all the energy and success by which the Educational Secretary is characterized. Victoria College should not be permitted to suffer in any degree through needless delay in carrying out the decision of the General Conference. All true friends of Victoria, no matter what their previous views may have been, we believe will heartily co-operate in making this new and comprehensive Educational policy of our Church in the highest possible sense a great success.

OUR NEW COVER.

THE appearance of our new cover last month did not by any means please us after it was printed. We think it will be much improved this month. Our purpose is to "go on to perfection" as fast as possible. It will be observed that our narrower spacing of the lines and increased number of pages of small type and of insets increases by about 10 or 12 per cent. the contents of each number. As to Magazine covers, we clip the following from a well-informed contemporary:—"The cover of *Scribner's Magazine*, although it is simplicity itself, containing only plain