

## THE UNIVERSITY QUESTION.

WE are glad to be able to place before our readers Dr. Sutherland's most excellent article on Higher Education. We are also glad to learn that it is to be printed in tract form. Friends of Old Vic., of Methodism, of Christian morality, secure as many copies of this pamphlet as you can, and circulate them from the Atlantic to the Pacific. But why do we make such an appeal? Because we believe the removal of the university to Toronto, for the purpose of allowing our students to study, say, science, mathematics, and classics at the State university, would be sure death to Old Vic. Who would go to the University of Toronto for the very heart of his course, and then graduate from Victoria? Would one in ten of her present students? We think not. The duty of Methodism, now the largest Protestant Church in the Dominion, is, we think, to most thoroughly equip her own university, and thus prepare herself to take the first place as a moulding influence in the nation. It may be asked, "Can she do it?" Let no man's heart fail him. She raises about \$160,000 annually for missionary purposes. Let it be put squarely before her and she will do the same for education and never feel it. In fact, the more she does along that line the more wealthy will she become. We have but to look about us to become convinced that intelligence leads to wealth. It may be asked, "Would it not be well to have but one university for the province?" Yes, it would be well on this condition, that *all* the others would give up their charters, and that *all* should depend for support on the voluntary contribution of their friends; or on condition that *all* should be helped by the government according to the work done. But we consider it would be foolish in the extreme for the Churches to hand over the direction of one of the greatest works on earth to the State. States have erred. Infidels may find their way to power in the State. They have done it in some States already. They may find their way even to a State university. The thing is conceivable. Are the Churches