

The Governing body is appointed by the Crown and is removable at pleasure. The Governor General is its Visitor.

A large number of scholarships in the Faculty of Arts are at the disposal of His Excellency, and he has the presentation to 30 scholarships in the High School Department.

*Fifth* :—This Provincial character of the University, and the prosperity and influence which it has attained, mark it out as the great centre and support of the higher Protestant Education in Lower Canada. As such, the establishment and management of the Normal School has been confided to it with the approbation of the whole community; and the confidence has thus far been justified by a complete success. A further indication of the same nature is afforded by the affiliation with it of the St. Francis College (a flourishing Institution in one of the Eastern Townships) under the liberal terms provided by the Statutes of the University.

The affiliation of other Colleges and Theological Schools may be expected; and thus the aids to higher education, which this country so much needs, will always be available to all who may require them, and that in the amplest form; for it is to be observed that this University offers to its students not only an ordinary liberal education, but the means also of high scientific culture, and of thorough instruction in the professions of Law, Medicine and Engineering, and that its present position in this respect will enable it, with additional pecuniary resources, to extend itself still further in the direction of professional education.

The importance and claims for support of such a Central Institution are too obvious to require argument; and these, great as they now are, will be augmented by the increase of population, wealth and intelligence, bringing with them an appreciation of the value of learning and a demand for the means of its general cultivation. The University of McGill College ought not then to be confounded with the ordinary Schools and other Educational Establishments, sectarian or non-sectarian, which abound in Lower Canada. It stands alone in its character and objects, and requires from the Government a direct and special support adequate to its importance and its wants. To place it, in the distribution of Legislative aid, upon the same footing with those minor establishments which share in the fund placed in the hands of the Superintendent of Education, is an error and an injustice, not only to the University itself but to the whole Protestant community of Lower Canada.