

such, the management of the Provincial Normal School has been confided to it with the approbation of the whole community; and the confidence has thus far been justified by complete success. A further indication of the same nature is afforded by the affiliation with it of the St. Francis College, Richmond, under the liberal terms provided by the Statutes of the University. Still more recently, Morrin College, Quebec, has been affiliated, and has already sent up eleven students who have passed creditably the preliminary examinations of the University; and arrangements are now in progress for affiliating the Congregational College of British North America.

The affiliation of other Colleges and Theological Schools is 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 and Medicine, 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 McGill University 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. Your Excellency's Petitioners would further, in view of the proposed Federation of the Provinces, urge the necessity of an immediate consideration of the claims above set forth, and of a permanent provision for the support of the University.