

disclosure, temperately but truthfully set forth, will show the Alumni "just where they stand at this crisis in the history of King's College."

Science and Literature.

There is nothing in the Charter, or in the Act of 1863, having special reference to a Divinity School or Divinity Students. But there are specific Regulations in the Charter.

The Charter declares that King's College was founded for "the education of Youth in the Principles of true Religion, and for their instruction in the different branches of SCIENCE and LITERATURE which are taught at our Universities in this Kingdom."

Also, "There shall be established from this time one College, the mother of an University for the education and instruction of Youth and Students in Arts and Faculties, to continue forever, and to be called King's College."

When Chief Justice Blowers and Judge Croke were appointed a Committee to frame the Statutes of this University in May, 1863, these jurists declared the principles and mode by which they had proceeded, and said: "Both from the whole tenor of the Charter and by the express declaration of His Majesty's intention 'to found a College for the instruction of Youth in the different branches of SCIENCE and LITERATURE which are taught at the Universities in the United Kingdom,' the attention of the Governors, etc." And these jurists further said, "As the Charter is the fundamental law of this Institution, we began by extracting from it such parts as contained any SPECIFIC REGULATIONS." (*Minutes of the Board in 1863, page 139*). The specific regulations refer to instruction in the principles of true Religion, "SCIENCE and LITERATURE" only; the general terms, "Arts and Faculties," include Divinity, Medicine, Law, which are not specified. This is a curious and interesting point, and, at the first blush, of no real moment in relation to the status of the Alumni. But it grows in import as the history of the Associated Alumni becomes developed, and a proper meaning given to "the Education of Youth in the principles of true Religion."

Under clause 6 of the Act, obtained by the Alumni in 1853, to incorporate the Governors of King's College, Windsor, the Governors can do anything not *contrary to the Charter or to the Act itself*.

If the Alumni had not come forward in 1846 to rescue King's College from impending financial ruin, it would have died a natural death, or lingered near for many years. The S. P. C. withdrew their grant of £500 stg., and the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, when refusing aid to the College