

£150 yearly from government. We know not how many pupils it contains; nor have we gleaned any information regarding the form of instruction adopted by the teachers, or the results which have attended their teachings. No periodical report has, as far as we can learn, been laid before the public. It will be freely conceded that an institution, such as the one at L'Industrie appears to be, is altogether inadequate to the wants of this rapidly increasing province; and it will afford satisfaction to every philanthropic mind to know, that our Provincial Legislature has voted the sum of £20,000, "for the erection of Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind in Upper and Lower Canada." This sum, which appears in the Estimates for the year 1853, will not, we hope, be allowed to remain long unused. Five months have now elapsed since the close of the last session, and no step, towards carrying into effect the enlightened and generous intentions of the representatives of the people, has yet been taken; or, at least, no notice of any action in the matter has appeared in the daily press. Winter has now set in, and the most that can be done for the next six months is to decide where the buildings shall be erected, and to purchase grounds on which to erect them, so that the work may progress actively during the course of the approaching summer. The question of locality is important, and will, we presume, excite considerable attention. Whatever decision may be arrived at, it is to be hoped that, for once in Canada, merely political or party motives will not unduly influence it. Every minor consideration should give way to those more important ones which enter largely into the probabilities of the ultimate success and efficiency of the institutions.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEBEC.

We have been informed that the present Quebec School of Medicine is about to become incorporated with this institution and to constitute its medical faculty. As such, however, it will not go into operation before the session of the following winter, 1854-55, since it has been found impossible to complete the arrangements necessary for its doing so soon. It is the intention of the professors, after appointment, to make the University lectures as attractive and useful as possible, and they purpose sparing no expense by which this praise-worthy object may be attained. A pecuniary outlay of considerable amount will be made for the purchase of plates and apparatus to illustrate the subjects of the various courses, and it is confidently believed that in time their position and resources will contrast favorably with those of similar bodies elsewhere. It will be remembered that the University of Quebec is but the ancient Seminary of that city, which has recently received this designation.