

been removed from them, contrary to the spirit of their Royal Charters, and to the provision in that regard of the Act of Confederation, and transferred by Act of the Quebec Legislature to a body under the control of a Roman Catholic majority. We would be less disposed to make objection to this, were we of opinion that it is calculated to raise the educational standard of the profession ; but, for the reasons above stated, we believe it will have the contrary effect, and can only tend to the exclusion of educated men, more especially those of the English-speaking minority, from entering into the legal profession.

A statement of the rights and privileges claimed by the University has been prepared for submission to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, which is expected to act in the matter on behalf of the Universities as well as of the secondary schools, which are also injuriously affected by the changes in question.

#### ENDOWMENTS.

In view of the decline in the rate of investments, and of the termination in the present year of the annual subscriptions in aid of the University, given in 1881-82, the Governors, in April last, issued a statement to the friends of the University respecting its financial position. After reciting the steps taken in 1881 to increase its endowments, the following facts were stated respecting the results up to the present time, showing a very large amount of liberality toward the University and a great growth of its resources :

"In response to the appeal made in 1881, endowments were given to the amount of \$33,500, and annual subscriptions, extending over from two to five years, to the amount of about \$3,500 per annum. Subsequently to this, the William Scott Chair of Engineering was founded by the late Miss Barbara Scott, with a capital of \$30,000 ; the Hiram Mills Chair of Classics, by the late Major Hiram Mills, with a capital of \$43,000 ; the David J. Greenshields Chair of Chemistry and Mineralogy, by the late David J. Greenshields, E. q., with a capital of \$40,000 ; and the Gale Chair, in the Faculty of Law, by the late Mrs. Andrew Stuart (*née* Agnes Logan Gale), with a capital of \$25,000. The sum of \$25,000 was also given by