

cover this deficiency, could adequate aid be obtained in the mean time.

It is farther to be observed, by way of contrast, that while the principal University in Lower Canada is thus slenderly supported, that of Upper Canada has a princely provincial endowment, and the Universities of Queen's College and Victoria College in Upper Canada have had their grants raised to \$5,000 each, beside the usual aid to their medical schools.

The Board would farther state that an inspection of the accounts will show that the utmost economy has pervaded its expenditure, and that its efforts have been steadily directed to the provision of means of education not otherwise accessible in this country, and of a higher character than those afforded by the ordinary Academies and Colleges; thus fulfilling the wise and benevolent intentions of the founder, and giving to our young men the opportunity of raising their mental culture to the level of that in older countries. It has further been an object of solicitude with the Board of Governors to promote practical scientific training bearing on the more important professions, and they would gladly do more in this direction did their resources permit.

The following statements contained in a former memorial of the Board, may be here repeated, as enforcing its claims to public aid.

*First*:—The late Mr. McGill undoubtedly made his bequest under the expectation and implied promise that a further and sufficient endowment would be made by the Provincial Government. This is apparent, from the circumstances under which the bequest was made. The Governor General in 1801 laid before the Provincial Parliament a message in the following terms:

“That His Majesty had been graciously pleased to give directions for the establishment of a competent number of Free Schools, for the instruction of children in the first rudiments of useful learning, and in the English tongue, and for foundations of a more enlarged and comprehensive nature, and that His Majesty had been further pleased to signify His Royal intention that a suitable proportion of the lands of the Crown should be set apart, and the revenues thereof appropriated to such purposes.” As a preliminary step, the