

LEGISLATION RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.

The relations of the University to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, were referred to at some length in last Report and in the University Lecture of last session. We are happy to state that the apprehended changes in the Medical Act were not carried out in the last session of the Legislature, so that the Faculty of Medicine is left in the same position as heretofore, which though not without unnecessary legal difficulties, is still of such a character as to permit its continuance and growth in usefulness to the public.

In the matter of the Bar Act and of the privileges sought with reference to the degree of B.A. and the examinations for entry on professional study, we were less fortunate, the bill introduced by the Hon. W. W. Lynch to amend the Bar Act having been thrown out in the Legislative Council, while that to give the privileges existing in other countries to the holders of the Degree of B.A. was rejected in the Legislative Assembly. In these circumstances, another effort will be made in the Local Legislature before prosecuting our appeal to the Dominion Government in vindication of our rights under our Charter and the Confederation Act. We think it proper to repeat in this report the declaration of rights issued by the University last year, referring to our published statements for reasons and details :—

I. *With reference to the examinations preparatory to professional study*, the following facts and principles are stated on behalf of the Protestant minority :

1. The Protestant population possesses, under Legislative sanction and under the control of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction and of the Department of Education, a complete course of study, extending from the Elementary Schools to the Universities. In this course, definite and rigorous examinations are conducted in every grade by the best examiners the Province can afford, and it is believed that this system provides an education equal to that exacted in any country for entrance into the study of the learned professions. The Certificates and Degrees based on this course of study and