

our immediate requirements are the Professorships in English and Latin, and the new chairs in Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence. In the Natural Sciences the Lectureships in Physiology and Botany, and also a lecturer in Mathematics, will be welcome additions. The value of a Professoriate embracing Astronomy, Moral Philosophy, Comparative Philology, the History of Philosophy, and other subjects specified in the recent statute, cannot be slighted in any scheme for a thoroughly equipped University Faculty. But some of them are luxuries which must be held in reserve till our pressing needs are supplied. As to the proposed chair of Education, or Pedagogics as the Germans call it: whatever may be its practical value, it lies outside the requirements of the general body of students, as well as of our pressing needs as a University. Under any circumstances its utility must depend on the choice of an educator of the highest class for the chair. But, in view of the special character of this Professorship, designed like those in medicine, for professional, as distinct from purely educational training: it is only reasonable that the Education Department should provide the salary.

It is from no sectional prejudice, that I thus estimate the relative utility of proposed chairs; or their claims to be charged on the endowment. But looking to the demands on our inadequate resources which the recent statute involves, the action of the Legislature becomes a mockery, "to keep the word of promise to the ear, and break it to our hope," unless supplemented by funds in some degree adequate to secure the realisation of their ideal. But I am not without hope that, when our claims are fully understood, their reasonableness will be acknowledged. In the recent arrangements for providing accommodation for the Legislature, a site has been appropriated on the University grounds, which with their confirmation, was, in 1858, leased to the city, on the express covenant that no building should ever be erected thereon. But by a prior Act of the Canadian Parliament, provision was made for the erection of "a Parliament House, and buildings for the accommodation of the several public departments, on such portion of the grounds forming part of the University Endowment