

have been slighted by the Printing Committee of the Legislature. For this neglect we are not disposed to blame the Committee of the Senate. The ruling body of the University ought never to have been burdened at all with the care of this hopeless institution. The members, moreover, of the Committee of Supervision are Professors, whose duties proper, are laborious and incessant, and whom it is unfair, in the public interest, to trouble with the minute, but necessary details of a School.

Through want of properly-prepared Reports regarding U. C. College, the Legislature has had,—in the face of peremptory enactments compelling such information,—to resort to Addresses to the Governor, in order to secure Returns. And, even then, Parliament may congratulate itself if the demand is complied with. In 1856 [193] the Legislative Assembly addressed His Excellency for a detailed Report regarding U. C. College. The reply was a very incomplete Return, which dismissed, in the most contemptuous manner, the demands of Parliament. It became actually necessary for the Assembly again [198] to address His Excellency, before the desired information was forthcoming. So true is U. C. College to its traditions, that, remembering it had been established in 1830, in defiance of a weak Legislature, it ventured, in 1856, on the perilous experiment of giving the rebuff direct to a Body in possession of full Legislative powers. And so again we find it acting in 1868, when the Assembly demands, by an Address, [196] a "detailed statement" of the attendance of pupils during 1867. The Assembly, in 1856, understood such a Report to mean one giving "the number of Students, distinguishing the Day Students, their residences, religion, and age;" but, when Parliament in 1868 demands a "detailed statement," the reply of the Principal of U. C. College is: "1867 total, 244." [196.]

The practical result of the system of supervision pursued in U. C. College has been that the Legislature has been kept wholly in the dark, and that the casual visitor at the institution has been permitted to see just so much of its working as the Principal has thought proper. Mr. Cockburn enlarges, rather gratuitously, on the facilities afforded by him to visitors, and takes especial credit for an invitation extended to the Grammar School Inspector. We think that if the Principal of U. C. College reconsiders the matter, he will remember that, in this particular instance, the request came to him, not from him. We are, further, of opinion that, on more extended acquaintance with the late Grammar School Inspector, Mr. Cockburn would have found him,—possibly to his advantage,—to be not only "*an intelligent man*," but a most accomplished scholar. The Principal of U. C. College states that "*he courts inspection*." He will then surely credit us for our humble efforts to make his *suit* successful,—meaning by inspection, such PARLIAMENTARY INSPECTION as will remove the accumulated injustice of nearly 40 years! Let us hope that the Legislature will not permit U. C. College to become, by length of days, such a Castle of Indolence as the anomalous, irresponsible

193 Journal Assembly 7th March, 1856.

194 Journal Assembly 1856, 14th April.

195 Journal Assembly 1868, February 14.

196 Mr. Christie's Return p. 17.