

imagined to have been effected by the amendments of 1836, but which yet awaits its real accomplishment.

Much, however, there is ground to believe, of the opposition—if a general opposition there be—on the part of the Officials of King's College to the alteration of the Charter, appears to arise from vague and unfounded apprehensions of the effect of such alteration on their rights and interests, or the welfare of the Church of England. These apprehensions, which were strengthened, no doubt, by the source whence the University Bill lately proposed emanated, and by some of its really objectionable provisions, may, however, be expected to give way in the minds of those who have entertained them, to the rational and laudable desire for some measure which, while preserving their rights, will bring under the influence of their instructions, the whole, not as at present, a mere handful of the youth of our country. Of all parties interested in the subject, none certainly would be so beneficially affected, in every way, by such a measure, as the present Professors of King's College. They would stand to the whole community, without distinction, in the relation they now hold to a small minority of it—the Instructors of the Province, not of a *coterie* and a neighbourhood; with every interest now hostile, combined to uphold them. And as regards the Church, are her great objects more likely to be promoted by her obstinate continuance in a position of exposure to continual assaults and deserved reproaches, than by an arrangement which will give her security and quiet in the possession of that which is *justly* her own—and in working out her own views within her own sphere, on the the simple condition of justice to others?

2. But an objection of a very different kind is presented, from an opposite quarter, to any reform of King's College, analogous, in its leading features, to the Bill of last Session. It is objected that under such an amendment, which *secures* to other denominations no influence in the University, save through their *Colleges*, a majority of the *University* Professorships will be filled with adherents of the Church of England. Now this result is very possible, nay most probable—we go further, and