

Shortly afterwards the Lord Bishop of Chester was unanimously voted into the Chair. As soon as silence was restored, from the noise of the congratulations of the Meeting, the Right Reverend Lord rose and said he wished to address the Meeting on a topic of much importance. Silence was then restored. It has been said, that no persons are to be admitted into the College, which it is the object of this day's Meeting to found, but those who are members of the Church of England. As this report is unfounded, and as I now declare it would if allowed to circulate, be productive perhaps of some injury, I conceive it my duty thus at once to contradict it. (Hear, hear, hear.) So far from such being the fact, no question whatever, as to the religious opinions held by the student will be asked, and all that will be required of him is to conform to the rules of discipline which will be laid down on that head. (Cheers.) What I mean, said his Lordship is, that in order to become students, it is not necessary that they shall be members of the Established Church, but they must submit themselves to the rules and discipline which the College, connected, as it will be, with the Church, will impose on the general management and conduct of their studies. (Loud applause.)

Several subscriptions were then named, which had been received since the departure of the Noble Premier; amongst which the Chairman announced one as being from a Lady, who was desirous her name should not be publicly mentioned, amounting to the large sum of £500. This announcement was received with loud cheering.

The Chairman again rose and said he deemed it his duty to state, that since the commencement of the Meeting the Right Hon. the Home Secretary had entered the room. (Cheers.) He did not anticipate that the Meeting would have taken place so early, or he would have been present. He had come that morning express from the country, notwithstanding his recent domestic affliction, in order to be here. (Hear, hear.) The Right Hon. Secretary had, however, evinced his affection for, and attachment to, the proposed Institution by giving a subscription of £300. The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, too, had come to the Meeting too late, acting under precisely the same mistake, and had authorised him (the Chairman) to set down his name for a subscription of £100 — (Loud applause.)

Further subscriptions were then announced, among which were—Lord Selsy, £100; Lord Ashly, M. P. 100; J. Irving, Esq. M. P. £50, Alderman Garratt, £100; the Vicar of St. Martin's in the Fields, £200; T. Wilson, Esq. late M. P. for the City, £50; the Rev. W. Johnson, £100; the Earl of Clare, £100; the Hon. and Rev. E. Cust, £100; his brother, £100; Sheriff Spottiswoode, M. P. £50; a Rev. Gentleman from Bristol, £300; the Rev. Joseph Hughes, a Baptist Minister, 20 guineas, which the Right Rev. Chairman declared he wished to direct the attention of the meeting to, particularly, as the Rev. Donor had wished it to be understood as being a testimony to the value of the Institution, of which he had a full conviction from what he had heard since he came into the room.

Several other donations were announced.

It was whispered in the Hall, that it was the intention of his Majesty to present a donation of £5,000 towards the Institution to testify his approbation thereof.

Before the Meeting broke up, the astonishing amount of upwards of £20,000, was announced as having been received in subscriptions and donations, and that, notwithstanding, not a single advertisement had appeared for the convening of the meeting.

Among the numerous list of dignified and illustrious donors, we have only space to mention the following:—The Archbishop of Canterbury £1,000; the Archbishop of York £500; the Duke of Wellington £300; the Duke of Rutland