

well the circumstances and requirements of the Country, of the character of a grand, comprehensive, and salutary measure, better fitted than any it will be easy to devise, for overcoming the difficulties of the subject, and accomplishing the great end of setting the University speedily in operation, on a sound and efficient, as well as popular, footing.

But other objections, of a general kind, have been presented to the measure of last year, which, as they may be offered to *any* wholesome amendment of the position of the University, cannot be passed without remark.

1. *Any* alteration of the Constitution of King's College is represented as "spoliation." Now this term may be employed in a *moral* or in a *legal* sense. If in the former, it is, unhappily for those who use it, too easily retorted. One half of the endowment of King's College consists of lands designed as an endowment for Grammar Schools—certainly not for the Church of England alone, but for the benefit of the Province; and of which, by an act of "spoliation" on the part of the friends of King's College, it was deprived, for the endowment of a Church of England University. The remainder is composed of property bestowed, not out of the privy purse, or the private demesne of the Sovereign, as was wont to be the case ere Civil Lists were heard of, but out of waste lands vested in the Sovereign as the Chief Magistrate of the community, and designed to be employed for the general good. The legal difference may be small, but the difference in a moral point of view is perceptible to every one.

If the word be used in a *legal* sense, to designate the alienation by Statute of property and privileges held under a Royal Charter, the term unconstitutionality is more applicable than "spoliation." But the unconstitutionality is surely in no small degree diminished by the fact, that both the Crown and the Council of King's College—the former unreservedly, the latter professedly at least—did, several years ago, submit the Charter to the Legislature, to be by it subjected to such alteration as might bring it into accordance with the wants of the Country, as a *Provincial* University—a purpose which was too readily