

SUMMARY OF ECCLESIASTICAL AND RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE

THE NEW KING'S COLLEGE—LONDON, June 21.—A very numerous meeting of the friends of this noble institution, to be styled after the above title, was held at the Freemason's Tavern. Amongst the company present we observed the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Bishops of London, St. David, Durham, St. Asaph, Chester, Gloucester, and Ossory, Dr. D'Oyley, the Marquis of Camden, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Bexley, the Primate of Ireland, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Thompson, Sheriff Spottiswoode, &c.

The Duke of Wellington in the chair.

His Grace rose to address the meeting, and was received with great applause. The object for which the present meeting was called was for the purpose of establishing in the metropolis a College, in which all the branches of literature and science would be taught, including also a knowledge of the principles of Christianity, as promulgated by the doctrines of the Established Church. (Applause.) It was not necessary for him to delay the Meeting by giving them the plan of the proposed institution in detail, as that would be explained to them hereafter. It would be sufficient for him to state it generally. The plan embraced a system of education which combined, with a general knowledge of literature and science a particular knowledge of Christianity, morality, and religion—(cheers)—together with that species of education necessary to youths adopting particular professions. He need hardly, he believed, at that time of day, say any thing on the propriety of inculcating such a system of education formed upon such a basis. (Hear, hear.) Although he had not had the advantage of a College education, owing to the particular pursuits in which he was engaged—(tremendous applause)—yet no one felt more than he did the advantage a college was to youth. The promoters of the intended establishment were the Dignitaries of the Established Religion and the Governors of the church, who were not only willing to support it by their purse, but were also willing to sacrifice their valuable time towards its future management. He called on them to assist in the execution of this great work. Let an effort be made worthy of this great country, that the youth of the metropolis might receive an education by which they would be taught to love the king, obey the laws, but above all be made acquainted with their God—(cheers)—and by being made acquainted with the great principles of their holy religion, be taught to be content with their lot in this life, and to hope through the mercy of God for happiness in the next. (Immense cheering.) His Grace then read the resolutions which we have subjoined, upon which the intended College is to be conducted.

A committee was then formed for the purpose of carrying the object of the meeting into effect.

Henry Coleridge, Esq. Barrister at Law, was appointed Secretary.

A letter from the Right Hon. Robert Peel, expressing his regret at not being able to attend owing to the death of a sister was read to the meeting.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury proposed the thanks of the meeting to his Grace the Duke of Wellington, for his able conduct in the Chair, and his cordial co-operation in their views—which were given amidst acclamation.—His Grace, in suitable terms, acknowledged the compliment, and shortly after one o'clock left the Chair, and on his departure was accompanied by their Graces the Archbishops of York and Canterbury, and the Primate of Ireland, the Lord Bishops of London, Durham, Carlisle, and several of the distinguished personages present at the former proceedings. A division was formed at the side of the Hall through which the Duke of Wellington passed, and he was treated with loud greetings and clapping of hands from all parts of the Hall.