

noble Christian and magnanimous lady the bishopric is indebted for the vast, and I might almost say, the wonderful amount of 25,000*l*. (Loud and prolonged applause.) When I state that that sum has emanated from one lady alone, I am sure I need scarcely mention the name, for so well known in works of charity, so well known is the name of Miss Burdett Coutts. (Applause.) Wherever an opportunity occurs that she can with true benefit dispense her great wealth, she is always sure to perform the duty which the Almighty has imposed upon her. I have now to inform you of a letter from his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, regretting that circumstances prevent him from attending here to-day, and enclosing a contribution of 20*l*. (Applause.) I have likewise the pleasure of announcing the receipt of a letter from Robert Hanbury, Jun., Esq., M.P., wherein he expresses much regret at not being able to attend this meeting, and encloses a cheque for 25*l*. from Messrs. Truman, Hanbury, Buxton, and Co., which is in addition to 20*l*. previously subscribed by himself individually (applause); I have likewise in my hand a letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, regretting his absence, in consequence of a meeting of the Cabinet at this time; I am delighted also to announce a contribution from the Bishop of St. Asaph, amounting to 20*l*. (hear, hear), and a subscription from Sir William Page Wood of 25*l*., in addition to 50*l*. which he has already contributed. (Applause.) I have now the pleasure of calling on the Right Rev. the Bishop of Columbia to address you. (Much cheering.)

The BISHOP of COLUMBIA rose, and was received with enthusiastic cheering. When this had subsided, his Lordship spoke as follows:—My Lord Mayor, my lords, ladies, and gentlemen, the sight of this great meeting in the Mansion House of the city of London, indeed does my heart good, and makes it overflow with thankfulness. When I consider that this meeting has been called by the requisition of the merchant princes of the chief city of the