

But another evidence of the exclusive character of the institution, has been derived from the appointment of a professor of Divinity belonging to the Church of England. As it is evident that the University could not support a professor in that department, belonging to each denomination, nor is there any satisfactory principle, on which some should be preferred to others, the question relative to this may be reduced to an enquiry, why the Presbyterians, claiming as the established Church of Scotland, should have been excluded. To this the plain reply is, that by establishing Queen's College, they excluded themselves. There was, there is reason to believe, an intention in certain quarters, of establishing a chair of divinity in King's College for that denomination, but the necessity of making any such provision was removed by the foundation of a University entirely under their management. Indeed it has been asserted, that during the progress of the bill for the establishment of that institution, a stipulation was entered into that a certain sum should be appropriated from the funds of King's College, for the support of a professor of divinity in their college.

It appears, then, that the charge of exclusiveness which has been so repeatedly advanced against the University, is to be taken in a limited sense—for no one can, with truth, say, that it is entirely in the hands of any one denomination—and that the influence, which the Church of England is admitted to possess in it at present, arises from these circumstances: that the legislature confirmed the President in the office, to which he had been appointed by the Sovereign, and scrupled to repeal the provision of the charter relative to the performance of divine service—that the Chancellor, in appointing the majority of the professors, was not influenced by regard to the difference of their creeds—that the members of the Church of England are generally better able or more willing to give to their sons the advantages of a university education—and that the Presbyterians had established a university for themselves.