

might succeed, often by political influence or intrigue, in securing an exercise of patronage in their favour, at the risk of the total exclusion of other parties, could not fail to engender the most unseemly cabals, the bitterest heart-burnings, the sacrifice of the interests of Science, and unspeakable annoyance to the Depositary of the University patronage. But the scheme of *College* representation is an effectual security against the total exclusion of any denomination from the Council, by whatsoever party the greater number of the *University* chairs may at any time be filled; while it leaves the patronage free to be exercised, not on the principle, most prejudicial to the interests of the University as a seat of learning—of maintaining a balance of power between various denominations by a distribution among them of Professorships—but on that of a simple regard to literary merit—it being understood that the balance of power, so far as desirable, is to be maintained through the *College* representation—that is—the representation of each denomination by means of those whom itself has selected as most fit to be entrusted with the charge of its youth.

It must be admitted, however, that for the purpose aimed at in the provision under consideration, the amount of representation proposed for each denominational College was not sufficient, being confined to the Head of each College. This, we say, is not sufficient, when it is considered that by the Bill it was provided that *all* the Professors on the *University* foundation—a great majority, if not the whole, of whom might be of one denomination—should be *ex officio* members of the Council. To give the principle due effect a better arrangement might easily be adopted. The Professors on the University foundation being classified into the Faculties of Arts, Law, and Medicine, the Senior Professor or Head of each Faculty might have permanently and *ex officio* a seat in the Council; one or two of the Professors, according to the number in each Faculty, being also entitled to seats in rotation, as the elected representatives of their Colleagues in the same Faculty; the Colleges likewise being each represented permanently by its Head, and also by one of its other Officials in turn. The balance would