

reign, in the original charter; and the tenure of his office was not affected by the act modifying that charter. The right of appointing professors, is vested by the charter in the Chancellor; and in pursuance of that right, Sir Charles Bagot appointed eight professors, and Sir Charles Metcalfe four. If there is blame to attach to any one for the preponderance of members of the Church of England, amongst the professors, that blame must attach to the Chancellor. And yet it is certain, that of the twelve there was but one case (exclusive of the Professor of Divinity) in which selection was made with any regard to religious tenets—that case being in favour of the Church of Scotland; and—even if this be questioned—it is easy to prove that the preponderance was not the effect of design on the part of any one, but of circumstances which necessarily produced that result.

Without meaning in the least to disparage or depreciate the ability or attainments of members of other denominations, or to withhold the praise, which is justly due to the distinguished men, who have adorned or still adorn their ranks, it is beyond question, that the greater number of those, who are known to be highly qualified in the different departments of academic study, belong to the Church of England. Many causes contribute to produce this result—of which the most obvious are, the immense number of students educated in Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin, (the two former exclusively—the latter almost exclusively—limited to members of that Church), and the high reputation in which the distinctions, acquired in those universities, are held as criteria of qualifications. Even in this province, it is believed, a corresponding disparity of numbers exists amongst those who have taken degrees or enjoyed the advantages of a university education. If then the Church of England universities have educated the greater number of students, and sent forth the greater number of graduates—the reason must be evident (without entering into particulars) why the greater number of professors in an open university, particularly one situated