

between these alternatives, the first being unjust, unconstitutional, impracticable, and unsatisfactory, and the latter being only very expensive, there can be no doubt which should be preferred.

*Fiat justitia, ruat cælum*, is a true though trite maxim, and has never been neglected with benefit either by individuals or by nations.

The expense, besides, will not be so enormous, that provision cannot be made for it by endowments out of the Crown Lands and the portion of the Clergy Reserves remaining. It is asserted by the Master of Arts, that "anything deserving the name or fitted for the purpose of a University, and that too without a Medical School, or with a very imperfect one, would require a sum of at least 100,000*l.*, or one third of that amount in hand, and a yearly revenue equal to the interest of the remainder." The sum in hand, it is to be presumed, is intended to cover the expenses of buildings and outfit. According to this scale, then, (which was certainly not that adopted in founding Queen's College) 33,000*l.* or 34,000*l.* would be required for those purposes, and an annual income of about 4,000*l.* per annum. Of the three Universities, to which the plan would be at first applied, one does not require any addition either to its capital or its yearly revenue. Of the other two, one has buildings, the other, it is believed, a considerable portion of the sum which would be required for their erection, whilst both of these must be, at least in some measure, already provided with those accessories, which come under the head of outfit.

It appears, then, that the amount required for commencing would be by no means as large as might, on first thoughts, have been expected; and the question at present is almost reduced to this, whether the payment of 8,000*l.* per annum, or providing an endowment which will yield that amount, be too high a price for a satisfactory settlement of the question.

The next objection is, that the plan of having several Universities has been tried in the United States, and signally