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**PREFERRMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.**—The Rev. J. Letherdale to the rectory of Bracon Ash, Norfolk; the Rev. Shadwell Barkworth to the rectory of St. Clement's, Oxford; the Rev. George Porter to the rectory of Lymington, Devon; the Rev. Havilland de Sausmarez to the rectory of St. Peter's, Northampton; the Rev. — Gresley to the vicarage of Boston.

**ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSION (IRELAND).**—The annual report of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland for the year ending 1st of August, 1849, states that 76 benefices have become vacant within the year, consisting of nine dignities, including the united bishoprics of Down, Connor, and Dromore, and the united bishoprics of Limerick, Ardfer, and Aghadoc, 10 prebends, and 57 parochial benefices.

The Rev. Gilbert Elliot has been appointed Dean of Bristol.

The report circulated by a weekly paper, rather notorious for its manufacture of conversion, that the Rev. W. Palmer, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, has seceded to the Greek Church, is, we have reason to believe, entirely without foundation.—*The Guardian*.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.**—A special general meeting of the graduates of this University was held on Tuesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, the objects of which were explained by an opening address by Mr. J. R. Quain, who occupied the chair. The first matter to be considered was the propriety of presenting a congratulatory address to the Senate, on the occasion of the meeting to be held on the following day, for the purpose of conferring degrees. This, it appeared, was the first start in public life of the University of London; its first indication of anything like a distinct corporate existence. It had, therefore, been thought expedient to address the Senate on so very important an occasion, and to express the gratitude felt by the graduates at their having established a public day for conferring degrees, as well as for their other exertions in behalf of the University. From such a proposition the chairman thought none could dissent, however much they might have differed, or however much they might hereafter differ, with the Senate on other points. Mr. F. J. Wood, LL.D., spoke in favour of the address, which he considered due to the Senate; though he did not, of course, suppose that, in adopting it, they in any way pledged themselves not to persevere in their endeavours for the attainment of other objects to which the Senate might be opposed. The adoption of the address was seconded by Dr. J. Storras, and the motion was unanimously carried. Mr. G. Jessel, M.A., then moved, and Mr. F. S. Osler, LL.B., seconded a resolution appointing a deputation to present the address; and this having been adopted, a discussion arose upon the two following resolutions:—

That this meeting regrets that the Senate, in providing for the exercise of the powers conferred by the first branch of the supplemental charter, has adopted regulations by which a distinction is made in the tests to which the qualifications of candidates for degrees in the University are to be subjected, irrespective of circumstances of peculiar hardship; and by which a portion of the examination of certain classes of candidates is to be delegated to examiners not appointed by the Senate, and not under their control.

That this meeting is of opinion that the powers contained in the supplementary charter, enabling the University to grant certificates in isolated branches of knowledge, irrespective of any proof that the candidates have gone through a regular and liberal course of education, are inconsistent with the true functions of a university, and will prove detrimental to the interests of education in this country, by discouraging the prosecution of a liberal and extended course of study.

To the power to grant certificates in isolated branches of knowledge the strongest objections were expressed, on the ground that, by such a permission, the institution would be degraded from a university to a mere licensing board, and the gentlemen who had received from it every branch of a liberal education confounded with, and disgraced by, their connexion with men who had merely studied one; whilst, for the privileges given to students from other universities no ground could be shown. These resolutions having been adopted, the meeting separated.—On Wednesday, a convocation of the University was held in the great hall of King's College, for the purpose of conferring degrees and honours on such candidates as have passed their examination during the twelve months just expired. This being the first occasion on which the ceremony has taken place in public, very considerable interest was manifested, and a large attendance of members and visitors was the result. The meeting was to have been held in the apartments belonging to the University in Somerset-House; but, in consequence of the Surveyors of Woods and Forests having expressed some doubts as to the safety of the large room (now used as the School of Design), an adjournment took place to the great hall of King's College, the use of which was kindly granted for the occasion. The Right Hon. the Earl of Burlington, Chancellor of the University, took his seat on the throne at two o'clock. Among the noblemen and gentlemen present were his Excellency the French Ambassador, Viscount Mahon, M.P., Lord Overstone, Lord Radstock, the Dean of St. Paul's, Colonel the Hon. E. Cust, Major General Sir W. Morison, M.P., Mr. Monckton Milnes, M.P., Mr. Heywood, M.P., Sir E. Colebrooke, M.P., the Right Hon. T. B. Macaulay, &c. The body of the hall was crowded with students and their friends. The registrar having read the report, showing the progress of the students in the various branches of learning, several other degrees of LL.D., M.D., M.A., &c. were conferred.—On Thursday a meeting of students of University College was held at Lawson's Rooms, Lower Gower-street, to consider the conduct of the council in having recently expelled two students from the college. Resolutions were carried deprecating the course pursued by the council as too severe, and soliciting the council to allow evidence to be brought before them which would, in some degree, palliate the errors committed by the students. A memorial founded on the resolutions was also adopted, and a deputation appointed to carry it up to the council.

THE Right Rev. Lord Rob



26th ult. The Bishopric of



SIR THOMAS CARTWRIGHT, MINISTER PLENI

THE death of this eminent man was the loss of the country. He was the eldest son of the late Sir Thomas Cartwright, Bart., and was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge. He was a member of the House of Commons for several years, and was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Stockholm in 1848. He died on the 26th ult. at the age of 68.

**ART UNION OF LONDON.**—The annual meeting of this association was held on the 26th ult. at the rooms of the Association of Artists, 1, Pall Mall East. The purpose of receiving the reports of the various committees, and of awarding prizes to subscribers, was the object of the meeting. The reports were read, and the prizes were awarded. The meeting was attended by a large number of artists and subscribers, and was a most successful one. The report for the ensuing year was also read.