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PREFACE.

In the month of May 1826 the Council published a general outline of the plan of the University of London, and of the objects of its founders. Since that time, their attention has been directed to the consideration of the various details which a plan so extensive necessarily embraces; and having made considerable progress in maturing the system by which the University is to be conducted, the Council are now enabled to lay before the Public a more comprehensive statement than could at an earlier period be exhibited. They think it advisable to publish this account of their more matured arrangements, for the information as well of the Proprietors, as of those who may be desirous of becoming such, of those who look forward to this University as a place of education for the youth under their care,

and of such persons as may wish to become candidates for the Professorships which are yet vacant.

That part of the Building which the Council have determined shall be first erected, is now in considerable forwardness; and the contractor has undertaken to complete it, so that the Lecture Rooms shall be ready for the reception of the Professors and their Pupils at the beginning of October 1828.

University Chambers, 7 Furnival's Inn. 17th July, 1827.

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STATEMENT,

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Of the Necessity which existed for the foundation of another University in England.

IT has long been a subject of regret, that a very large proportion of the youth of England, whose future professional occupations are such as to render an University education most desirable, have, owing to various causes, been deprived of that most important benefit. Oxford is, by its statutes, accessible to those only who belong to the Established Church; and although Cambridge has so far relaxed the strictness of its rules that Dissenters, while deprived of the privilege of obtaining Degrees, may still receive their education there, that University is, practically, scarcely less exclusive than Oxford on the score of religion. Another, and a very serious cause of exclusion, is the very great expense incurred at those Universities: an evil, it is true, not arising from University fees or the payments for instruction,—for these are extremely moderate,—but partly from college charges, and still more from expensive habits of living among the under-graduates, which have been increasing year after year, which the authorities in both places have hitherto been unable to check, and which are in some respects the unavoidable consequence of the youth living separate from their parents. Although the .