

a man, who has for more than fifty years supported and defended the old system of borough government, can be sincere in professing liberal principles? or will consider himself bound, by an electioneering pledge, to support any measure that may be proposed for Reform? If any such there are, their weakness of intellect is most deplorable; but for the honour of the constituency in general, it is fortunate his supporters are few in number, being only those that are connected with the self-elected junto, or that are influenced by the Conservative Club. Some, indeed, have been compelled to pledge themselves to support him by threats of loss of employment, and other means which, I am of opinion, he would not have countenanced, had he been consulted. The numerous, frivolous, and vexatious objections that were put forward by his agents to the claims for enrolment, were disgusting, and in one instance was marked by the most pitiful personal animosity. These reasons are, in my humble opinion, tolerably conclusive for opposing Mr. Hadden's election to represent the city in Parliament; but his advanced age, and his coming forward, patronized by the Conservative Club, pledged to vote as their nominee, ought to be an insuperable bar to it.

The hireling press in the pay of the Conservative Club, having, for some months, been employed in abusing Mr. Bannerman, in columns, pamphlets, and handbills, and, exhausting the ingenuity of their editor, and their numerous correspondents, without being able to point out a single fact injurious to his reputation, or to render him unworthy of the high honour to which he has been induced to aspire, by a numerous body of the most respectable and independent of the Electors; it would be a waste of time, and of the patience of the reader, to enlarge upon his honourable character, or his fitness to be the Representative of this great City in Parliament. His liberal principles,—his active exertions for the public good, and for reform of abuses in all the departments which it is the duty of a public man to attend to, are too notorious to all the citizens of