ADDRESS

to

The Reformers

of the

town of Cambridge,

by the

rev. j. s. henslow, m.a.

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Certain events connected with the recent Election for our Town, have induced me for the second time to address you. From the support promised to our cause, we had every right to expect not merely that Mr. Rice would head the poll, but also that Mr. Pryme would be returned by a great majority. We have indeed returned the Reform Candidates, but still it was not without feelings of disappointment that we found ourselves deserted by several Electors, who had pledged themselves to our support; and it may be worth our while to inquire into the causes which occasioned their defection. If you think this is to be attributed to any increase of Tory principles among us, it might then be a question whether we ought not to submit to a growing influence we may not be able to oppose much longer with success. But if thinking, as I feel you must do, that a very great majority of the Electors are heartily and decidedly attached to those measures, which it was the object of the Reform Bill to secure to the country; it assuredly behoves us to inquire what means we should adopt for the purpose