

eleven, till they, being hopeless and utterly confounded, returned by the earliest train to their own village. There were the Saint Eustaces, major and minor who had left their father's seigniorie on the romantic shores of Memphremagog to become illustrious at Douglassville for prowess at foot ball, cleverness in Latin pure mathematics, and mischief.

"Now, boys," said the Warden, when he had shaken hands with each, and seen them comfortably seated round the fire—"I am not, generally speaking, fond of volunteering advice, but I am about to do so with regard to several points in the undertaking which you seem to have at heart, for this reason, that my advice must be acted upon if I am to consent to your project being carried out among the boys of this school. And first of all, I will tell you my opinion of your plan. I think it a good thing that boys should learn to act together; I am always glad to see them combining and acting in consort to secure a really worthy and desirable object. And I must say it has struck me that there has been a deficiency in this respect amongst our boys. They have not been able as yet, to act together so as to carry out their plans in several instances, when I for one wished them success. There was the school Reading Room Committee; there was the Gymnasium Society, both of which fell to the ground for want of proper self-management. Now, I believe that associations of this kind, managed entirely by the boys themselves, will teach them much that men should know, and cannot learn too early, or too thoroughly. You in the sixth form remember what Pericles says in his speech in the second Book of Thucydides. He accounts that man worthless as a citizen who is not able to take interest in the politics of his own state. As in Athens then, so in England now, most men of high mental culture take interest in politics. One cause of this is the amount of self-government which the boys learn at the great public schools; and here too we work by the same system, as you know, trusting much to the self-respect and self-government of the boys, and eschewing all *espionage* and *surveillance*—the very words are used in English—so you see with regard to your plan which will be an experiment in self-government, I am glad to consent, but I must make one or two stipulations.

In the first place, I think you had better not connect your enterprise with church matters, or theology. These things had better be left to those who are your appointed teachers; but, that you should form amongst yourselves a sort of boys' club—will be, I think, a very excellent thing. Let it be by all means, as you will, founded on the rules of old chivalry. I should like it to be a kind of central point through which all undertakings got up by the boys are to be conducted. In this I will help you, if I see that you go on as I wish. If anything is to be done for the boys' amusement, a reading room established, or a gymnasium built, let the Boys' Association of S. Basil's take it up and I will leave things in their hands. Your club will be in time, if it succeeds at all, a kind of court of honour amongst the boys. And from this I foresee one danger, that of an *imperium in imperio* in the school, and that of an occasional unjust sentence of expulsion or censure to one of your members. Now to obviate this I shall insist

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