

to formulate their wishes, and the existence of such a board has proved helpful, and has prevented friction.

We do not for a moment suggest that the students should govern the college ; but in the department of morals and conduct the students are not so immature as they confessedly are in learning. Hence, the sphere of governing themselves as regards morals and conduct, may well call out the students' best side and noblest powers. We do not want to ask their advice as to appointments, as it is said a Whig government once did in the matter of the appointment of Dr. Hampden to a regius professorship, when some one representing that government wrote to young Arthur Stanley, then scholar of Baloil, to ask him his opinion of Dr. Hampden and that of his compeers. I would not then delegate to the students any part of the government of the college as such, but I would welcome corporate action on the part of the students, which would develop the sense of moral and collective responsibility, whereby vice, idleness, disorder and meanness, would be discouraged, undermined and abolished by the voices and wills of the student-body. The collective conscience of the student-body is potentially very strong, and when it is roused it will make short work of blemishes in its own body corporate. The more the authorities believe in this corporate conscience and appeal to it and trust in it, the more hopefully and vividly will it be developed, and the more potent for good will it become. There must, of course, be a limit to this freedom, and in case of manifest malfeasance or toleration of evil, the authorities must interfere and provision must be made for this. Such provision for the recall of privileges, will be a strong motive on the part of the students for wholesome administration of self-governing rights accorded. Perhaps it would be well, besides the officials amongst the students, to have a joint board of professors and students on which possibly alumni might be represented which should be a kind of conciliatory board to which difficulties should be referred. On this board I would suggest that the nominations should not be confined to one body. Thus, why should not professors nominate some students as well as professors for such a board ? and students might nominate some professors as well as some students. Some alumni might be selected by both professors and students jointly or separately. The feeling of ultimate union might thus be promoted.