

tion and government. Here, on the contrary, the President is not such an autocrat. The professors have in the past not only assisted in the administration, but have done much, especially as members of the Senate, in determining the policy of the University. I need scarcely say that I greatly prefer the Canadian plan. The results here have been good, but, apart altogether from such considerations, it is self-evident that to debar members of the faculties from the right of engaging in such work would not only deprive the University of the services of men whose knowledge and experience especially fit them for dealing with such matters, but it would tend to weaken their interest in and sense of responsibility for a very important part of University work. So far from agreeing, then, with those who would like to see fewer professors engaged in shaping the policy of the University, or who would propose the extreme measure of excluding them wholly from University legislation, I would prefer to see more professors taking part in our deliberations. This is not merely a question of theory. Quite recently a proposal was made to render members of the faculties ineligible for election to the Senate by the graduates. It is difficult to see why the choice of the graduates should be thus narrowed, and I believe that most persons who appreciate the importance of having academic questions discussed from different points of view, and by those who by their technical knowledge and wide experience are so peculiarly fitted for dealing with such matters, will deprecate such a suggestion. Besides, those who suggest the exclusion of professors as graduate representatives from the Senate, to be logical, must go further and propose the exclusion of all professors from that body. If it be inexpedient or wrong for a professor to represent convocation, it is difficult to see how it can be expedient or right for him to represent the College or University Council. I need scarcely say, therefore, that I look upon any proposal to diminish academic influence in the Senate as a blow at the best interests of the University, and I would recommend those who desire instructive information bearing on such questions, to look into the disastrous history of some of the Southern and Western Universities