

The Committee appointed <sup>by the Executive Committee</sup> ~~on behalf~~ of the Trustees of the Lane Seminary to consider the matters recently brought before them, relative to the proceedings among the students on the subject of Haverly Report. That they have considered the subject ~~the~~ referred to them, & collected such information as their opportunities have afforded.

The subject of Haverly is one of the deepest interest to all good interest citizens of these United States; yet, one which must always be approached with diffidence & discretion, for it has in some measure thwarted the wisdom of the ablest & best men of the country. Yet the Committee, however much as individuals they may disapprove the conduct of some indiscreet zealots of the day; or the sentiments sometimes avowed, tending too plainly to civil commotion & anarchy; do not regard it as their official duty to ~~interfere~~ ~~interfere~~ interfere at all in the existing controversies. Their concern is with the government of the Institution, & they would ~~take~~ <sup>recommend</sup> no other measure than the interests, & the usefulness of the Institution require.

No Seminary of learning, especially no theological one, should stand before the public as a partisan, on any question, upon which able men & pious christians differ. Such a course will not only lessen its influence, & bring discredit upon the cause of education & religion; but, that is still worse, <sup>will</sup> tend to preoccupy the minds of the young with bitter party prejudices; to mar the judgment; ~~to~~ ~~impair~~ ~~the~~ ~~mind~~ ~~for~~ ~~genial~~ ~~and~~ ~~useful~~ ~~intercourse~~ ~~with~~ ~~us~~ ~~and~~ ~~kind.~~ Such an institution, instead of sending forth to the world men deeply imbued with a spirit of benevolence, kindness & forbearance



ular excitement, the mischief is ~~summed up~~  
All men, & especially the young, partake of the  
enthusiasm of agitated minds around them;  
& then, when judgments are not well settled,  
too often become intoxicated with the powerful  
stimulus. The mind so delights in ~~the~~ <sup>this kind of</sup> excite-  
ment, that it can hardly ~~be~~ forsake it, for  
the sober business of secluded study: the wish  
for it becomes too much like that for cold water,  
compared with the burning cup of the drunk-  
ard. Hence it is, that the education must be  
completed, before the young are fitted to engage  
in the collisions of active life. To pursue an  
education with success, requires the whole undi-  
vided energies of the mind. If in some instances  
an individual may succeed, while other leading  
objects occupy his ~~mind~~ <sup>attention</sup>, hundreds, in attempting  
to follow such an example, will be ruined.

The Committee further <sup>report</sup> ~~state~~, that the Anti-Sla-  
very Society, <sup>of the Seminary,</sup> was organized ~~in~~ without the approbation  
of the Trustees, or the Faculty, ~~that~~ the discus-  
sions, ~~which have arisen~~ <sup>concerned with it</sup> ~~consequence of it~~ were  
without the assent, & against the advice of the  
Faculty. It appears, that their proceedings, as pub-  
lished, ~~it reported~~, were occasionally spoken of  
among the trustees with disapprobation; but at the  
same time it was believed, that the advice &  
persuasions of the Faculty, would have <sup>such</sup> ~~suffi-~~  
~~cient~~ influence with the students, as finally to  
lead to an abandonment of the project, or  
at least to prevent any material injurious results.  
~~But the present information of the Committee is~~  
~~such as to induce them to abandon all hopes~~  
~~of this kind.~~ In this way the subject has been ~~afforded~~

to rest without official ~~of~~ animadversion, but also ~~that~~  
any ~~the~~ sanction <sup>of the same purpose</sup> that can ~~interfere~~ with its suppression.  
From facts laid before the Committee, which it is deemed  
unnecessary to state, they are of opinion, that this  
project will not be voluntarily abandoned; & that  
the government of the Institution cannot, with due  
regard to its interests & usefulness, longer delay to  
adopt decisive measures on the subject. They  
are of opinion that this society is peculiarly <sup>liable</sup> ~~exposed~~  
~~is~~ to <sup>some of</sup> the objections stated above, & ought to be abol-  
ished. They are also of opinion, that the Colo-  
nization society in the Seminary, altho organized  
as they understand, merely with a view to coun-  
teract the peculiar <sup>superstitions</sup> ~~influence~~ of their parents, is  
liable to similar objections, & ought also to be  
abolished. As an outline of the regulations  
requisite to remedy the existing evils, & prevent the  
recurrence of similar ones in future, the Com-  
mittee <sup>recommends</sup> the adoption of the following Resolutions:  
Resolved, that rules should be adopted, prohib-  
iting the organization in the Seminary of any associa-  
tion or society of the Students, without the approba-  
tion of the Faculty; & ~~Educative Committee, &~~  
~~the Trustees, sanctioning their constitution;~~  
prohibiting the calling or holding of meetings  
among the Students without the approbation of  
the Faculty; - prohibiting Students from delivering  
public addresses or lectures at the Seminary or  
elsewhere, without the leave of the faculty; -  
prohibiting public statements or communications  
to the Students ~~when~~ <sup>when</sup> ~~opened~~ <sup>opened</sup> at their meals  
or on other ordinary occasions, without the  
leave of the Faculty; - requiring the Anti-Sla-  
very Society & the Colonization Society of the  
Seminary to be abolished, & prohibiting any

Student from acting as members thereof; & prohib-  
iting any student from being absent from the Sem-  
inary at any time in term time, without the leave  
of the Faculty, or of such person as they shall design-  
ate for that purpose; - & providing for discouraging  
& discountenancing, by all suitable means, such dis-  
cussions & conduct among the students, as are calcu-  
lated to ~~divert~~ <sup>divert</sup> their attention from their studies,  
excite party animosities, stir up wild passions  
among themselves or in community, or involve them-  
selves with the political concerns of the Country;  
& also, providing, <sup>in other cases,</sup> for the dismissal of any student  
neglecting to comply with these regulations.

As a majority of the Faculty are now absent, & it is  
extremely desirable to have their counsel & concurrence  
in framing any permanent rules for the government of the  
Institution, & as the adoption of the foregoing resolu-  
tion will sufficiently indicate to the students the  
course, which the Trustees are determined to pursue,  
the Committee recommend, that the formal enact-  
ment of these rules, be postponed, until the Faculty  
shall be reassembled: and in the mean time, in  
order that the students may not return at the  
next session in ignorance of the contemplated ~~ar-~~  
~~rangements~~ regulations, & that the public impressions  
may be rectified on the subject, they recommend,  
that their proceedings be published.

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