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Printers and their Subscribers.

It is not likely, Mr. Sanderson, that all of your readers know that Dr. Benjamin Franklin was a printer as well as a philosopher; and consequently had, not only a theoretical but an experimental knowledge of printing; nor is it likely that they know his opinions of them in their relative situations in life.

From the Louisville Journal.

MELODIA. I met once, in my girlish hours, A creature soft and warm— Her cottage bonnet flid with flowers Hung swaying on her arm.

required this bounty?

We will proceed to examine this question. The number of youths who annually enter this institution will average about one hundred and twenty, and the number who graduate rarely exceeds forty.

It has been urged by many of the advocates of the present plan of instruction at West Point, that, though it may fail to furnish the country with a competent and accomplished military man in every graduate, still the public is amply compensated by the number of skillful engineers which it supplies for other useful purposes.

We will not hesitate to say that the course of instruction is probably well calculated, to impart a knowledge of civil engineering, but we repudiate the idea that this institution was created for such purposes; and the plea set up in its defence shows that there has been a wide departure from the principles upon which it was organized.

It will be sustained, not by the mercenaries sought to keep up the show of an army, but by the great mass of the citizen-soldiers of the country.

They should therefore control the selection of those who at their expense are to be taught to defend the country, and to superintend the fighting of her battles. This mode of selection and appointment will not only bring forward the best materials which the country affords for instruction at West Point, but it will react on the volunteer companies and militia, and revive, as before observed, the energy, spirit, and enterprise of the American soldier.

Now, print it, Mr. Sanderson; it is a piece of history—and it may, perhaps, on some future occasion, answer your purpose, as well as it will mine. You have not probably made out a booklet yet, but I have a pretty considerable one, and intend to have it published ere long with annotations, that the public may know, not only here but elsewhere, who of them deserve the character of honest men.

Waiting the little deity. As the blossom waits the breeze, Before it throws its leaves apart, And trembles like the love-touched heart.

When we compare the spirit and patriotism of the ancient American soldier with the resignations which have taken place since the commencement of the Seminole hostilities, the contrast is humiliating.

Under the head of "constitutional law," we found the most latitudinarian doctrines taught at West Point. Kent's Lectures and Bayard's Exposition were the only text books presented to the cadets as in accordance with the constitution of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JACOB MEDARY, JR. Ono. H. KING, Missouri. JAMES HAGAN, Mississippi. LEIGH READ, Florida.

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REPORT

OF THE MINORITY OF THE Board of Visitors at West Point, June 25, 1840.

The undersigned, differing from the majority of the Board of Visitors to West Point, in many views which they deem of vital importance to the public and the welfare of the institution, feel called on to submit to your consideration a separate report.

REPORT

Although the parent or guardian is required to pledge himself that the youth shall serve the country eight years, no penalty is attached, and no means devised to transfer that pledge to the cadet which he shall have arrived at the age at which he is legally responsible for his own acts.

Sam Stick and Matrimony.

"Nothin' tames a man like a woman."—I guess so, says I. Yes, my son, said he, get married, marry soon; it's time you were a thinkin' on it, now in a min.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

A numerous meeting of the Democracy of Philadelphia city and county, was held at the State House on Tuesday evening the 16th inst. at which Mr. FRENCHMAN STOVER presided.

Estate of William Gillespie, dec'd.

LETTERS of administration on the estate of William Gillespie, dec'd. late of Cedar Co. Iowa Territory have been issued to the subscriber residing in Frankfort township, Cumberland county, Pa. All persons indebted to the estate will make payment, and those having claims will present them for settlement.

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