

REPORT.

The undersigned, members of the committee on education, take great pleasure in concurring in most of the positions assumed, and recommendations set forth, by the above report, but cannot reconcile it with their sense of justice and propriety, to concur in that part of the report which suggests the withdrawal of the State's donations to the different Academies and Colleges, and appropriating the same to the endowment and support of a University. If the amount which is now bestowed upon the different academies, is to be withdrawn from them, the undersigned would greatly prefer seeing the same applied to the support and encouragement of *common schools*, as being likely to disseminate a much larger amount of general good to that portion of society which is least able to procure it, than by the endowment and encouragement of a University, from which the *rich* alone would derive advantage and benefit.

The undersigned would by no means, be understood as disapproving of the endowment of a University, but they would deprecate as an evil, fraught with incalculable mischief, to the youths in the different counties of the State, any attempt to withdraw the *pittance* that is now bestowed upon the different academies, for the purpose of appropriating the same to one *mammoth* institution, in which none of our citizens could be benefitted, except that class who are fully able to educate their sons without the aid or patronage of the State.

The last named of the undersigned, disapproves also of that part of the report which recommends the imposition of a direct tax upon the people, for the purpose of supporting the different schools. He believes that a sum amply sufficient (in addition to what may be allowed to each county by the State) to secure the services of good and competent teachers, may readily be obtained by light taxation, and by *voluntary subscription*, and thus free the schools from the burthen and unpopularity which attends all institutions that are obliged to depend exclusively upon a system of direct taxation for their maintenance and support.

All which is respectfully submitted,

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