

campaign, yet a portion of it, say 100 men, might be taken from their civil avocations without inflicting any great injury or inconvenience; but if any one complete company were taken, the population of the company division, whence it was drawn, would suffer as above stated, while that of the remaining divisions would be left untouched; therefore the only just method of getting the number would be to take 8 men from each company, leaving the remainder to cultivate the land. No doubt these men would be missed, but freedom and independence cannot be maintained without some slight sacrifice. As we suggested before, the Militia for purposes of drill should muster by *classes* on different days; we would suggest, for sake of effectiveness, maintaining in time of war as well as peace, the distinction between the classes, into which the Militia would be divided. In the event of war the proposed system would work in the following manner: In a Battalion division *all* the men in the *first* class (16 to 30) would at once be assembled at the Battalion Armory, and *all* the men in the *second* class ordered to hold themselves in readiness. If more men were required the *second* class would take the field,—and be replaced by *third* class, and so for the *fourth* class. With a view of making the force serviceable in the field, the separate bodies of *first* class men drawn from adjoining Battalions would be brought together and formed into one Battalion or principal unit for active service—the field officers and staff being selected according to their merits, from amongst the officers of the Battalions thus united, or being, if necessary, specially appointed from elsewhere.

If the proposed system is carried out, we cannot but think that it would gain in popularity, day by day, in its working in the rural districts, and would soon become so completely interwoven in the habits and ideas of the people that nothing would interrupt its welfare. The military Districts, Brigade Divisions, and Battalion Divisions would be arranged,—fitting them upon the existing divisions, with as little alteration as possible; this