





managers of a line or the interest of a company to discharge them, then again the price that such survivors will command is not likely to be above the level of other employments, as learners will multiply faster than the places will causing a competition that will reduce prices, again it is not as healthy an occupation as I should wish to see you pursue, I think now but lazy men and boys will aspire for these places in a few years from this time,

What I mean by lazy is persons who are compelled by their situations to procure a living by their own exertions and had rather starve than labour for it. Such will seek a place that he thinks will give the support without much labour. I look upon labour in a different light from this. I regard it a blessing and I am confident that those persons who labour hardest for a living (provided they can get it by such hard labour) enjoy the most happiness.

Such being my views of telegraphing & of labour, that I should prefer that you would seek other employment for a livelihood I should prefer that you would choose a rural occupation, and become an intelligent scientific farmer. The time is not distant when such farmers will be more respected as they will be more useful



than Kings or Princes;

On ~~your~~ choosing a profession or occupation by which to procure a livelihood a person should look at the prospects of its permanency, and see how far the continuance of his business would depend on his own will and how far on the will of others, choosing by this rule,

Why not decide to become a farmer and when you settle in business settle for life on a farm. On a farm of your own, if its but one acre, it would be large enough to support a small family if managed with scientific skill & determined industry, and it would soon bring across more rapidly than at compound interest.

I am glad to hear that you have again commenced the reading the life of Franklin.

I think you will find it as useful as it is interesting. Franklin would advise you to become Telegraph Operator in preference to farmer.

My Promise in regard to books I made in good faith and will adhere to, but I must question the propriety of your selection, this time. Your wish to read the life of Gen. Scott, at this time or at any time, arises from feeling of military glory or heroism. This I disapprove of. God says "Thou shalt <sup>not</sup> kill," why then admire the lives of those whose trade it is to violate



and of Gods laws.

I am so thoroughly disgusted with the whole of this miserable Mexican war that I have no patience even to consider the good qualities of some of our best and bravest men.

This war I firmly believe was provoked by our rulers, to gratify a lust for conquest, and extend the Curs of human slavery.

I dont believe that our constitution authorises the waging a war of invasion, and it only authorises a defensive war through the sanction of the peoples representatives in Congress.

This is not such a war as any man in my opinion can justify by that sacred document the Constitution of the United States.

I would therefore defer the reading of the life of Gen Scott at the present time, and perhaps you would do as well to read Lordens Lectures again if so write to Uncle John Bristol to send them to you when he is done with them. I left them in 2 bound volumes with him to read.

Yours affectionately

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