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INTRODUCTION

THE writer's attention was lately attracted to the photogravure plates of the Military Academy published in annual reports of its superintendent, Col. Albert L. Mills, and to those contained in reports of the Board of Visitors to that institution. This suggested a possibly happy thought, that if he could obtain the privilege of republishing these plates,* together with certain others of a similar kind, the whole might be combined so as to make an acceptable book.

It will be clear to the reader, as he progresses, that no effort has been made to write a history of the Academy and its methods; that while some space has been devoted to the condition of affairs at West Point during the early months of the Civil War, the writer has followed up with a few episodes and reminiscences of that war.

The pages of Boynton's History of West Point and Cullum's Biographical Register of the Graduates of the United States Military Academy have however been turned over, to ascertain what matter contained therein could properly be abridged and presented here in the form of introduction.

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