...the youth, who is not then a republican, returns
with directly opposite principles.

How the citizen proceeds to know, that
a majority of the Trustees have been "aristocratic,"
is a question to which it would be difficult for
him to give a satisfactory answer. One thing I know,
that he has now, had recourse to proper documents,
to ascertain whether he was speaking truth or fal-
num. You do I suppose, that since the existence
of the laws, which culminated in the Board of trustees, it
has ever been known to any person, so that he
could give an immediate and positive answer,
whether a majority was "republican" or otherwise.
I cannot pronounce if a fixed, with an equal
chance for truth, that a majority of the Board
"republican," but I should not imitate the
rambles of the citizen, in making said selections.
no pretense to cope with him in the apparatus
for exhibits, in matter about which he had nothing
definite. The truth is that neither he nor I nor
any other person is at this moment, and probably
never has been able to speak on this subject with
certainty. It would require a verdict into the minds
of the Board for centuries past, and that time
would expire to very far future, which should
be given to it.

For all the resolutions here made, I shall,
hold myself responsible, and my name shall stand