

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN. EDUCATION AND RELIGION.

"All education must be religious or irreligious."—See Matt. xii, 30. Can the State educate? Beyond all doubt, say most of our popular guides. It is not only possible, but it ought to educate; it is its duty to educate...

But what do we mean by the States educating? It may be superficially answered that it does this when it provides the means for sending all the children to school, when it divides the territory into districts, taxes the inhabitants of each, and then sends back to them the amount thus raised to be employed for educational purposes.

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The American Presbyterian reports that since the adoption of the resolutions on Psalmsody, presented by Rev. Dr. McLeod in the Synod at Xenia, three years ago, the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church has been reduced from 47 to 20.

If, then, the State educates—that is, becomes itself an educator—it must have some kind of educational system of educational ideas, as well as educational aim. It must have something to teach. This may be maintained in respect to everything transcending the mere mechanical departments regarded as means or inlets to the knowledge that lies beyond.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate the irregularities of the Methodist Book Concern falls to give satisfaction. It is severely criticized by both the secular and the religious press. One prominent daily makes this severe comment:—"They were placed in a position of trust and confidence, and it was not their business to shield delinquents, or to make themselves the means of condoning the offenses that had been committed."

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stant Episcopal Church in the United States, with the view of having the real doctrines of our Church affirmed and settled by the authority of its highest judicature.

The High-Church party is making rapid progress in England. They have been holding in London a "Twelve Days' Mission," (the name given by Roman Catholics to their revival meetings), under the patronage of the Bishops of London, Winchester, and Rochester.

"No one should attempt to receive the Lord's body between the finger and thumb. The ancient and proper mode is to cross the hands, the right being uppermost, open, and quite flat. The Lord's body will be placed in the palm, and the hands should be raised to the mouth without touching it with the fingers."

The Rev. Joseph McKelvey, of the mission in China, has returned to this country, and is in good health. The Presbyterian congregation at Franklin, Tennessee, have secured the services of Dr. J. H. Rice, late of Mobile, to fill the pulpit in their church.

In less than four months, Sarah Hart, B. F. Pinkerton, and E. Currie, all good missionaries, have been removed from one inviting, promising, but needy, very needy mission of Egypt.

The College and Theological Seminary at Monmouth, Illinois, are in a flourishing condition. There are twenty students in the seminary at this time. All but four of these are first year students.

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Dr. Imbrie (Old School Presbyterian), of Jersey City, becomes associate editor of the Evangelist, but without leaving his pastorate. Dr. Cuyler (New School) refuses to become co-editor of the (Old School) Presbyterian, of this city.

On a late Sabbath, twenty persons were received, upon profession of their faith, as members of the Presbyterian church of Hartwood (formerly Yellow Chapel), in Stafford county, Virginia, of which the Rev. F. M. Woods is the pastor.

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The Episcopalian difficulties have reached such a point that a memorial has been prepared, and has received the signatures of 103 clergymen and 30 laymen, requesting "the Bishops of the Dioceses of Ohio, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, Kentucky, Iowa, Kansas, and Nevada, to consider whether there be grounds for presenting for trial any Bishop or Bishops who may be alleged to hold, and to have taught publicly or privately and advisedly, doctrines contrary to those held by the Protes-

There are fourteen Congregational churches in Nebraska, the oldest of which was formed only four years since.

Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., president of Dartmouth College, is obliged to rest from labor for a time on account of a threatened disorder of the brain caused by overwork.

The Rev. E. G. Beckwith, now Principal of the College School at Oakland, has been called to the pastorate of the Second Congregational Church of San Francisco.

On the 23d ult., a Congregational church was formed near Greenville, Mich., two colonies of Danes, the members—eighty-five in number—having been confirmed as members of the Lutheran Church in Denmark.

The secretary of the late fair in aid of the Orphan's Home, at Germantown, in this city, reports the receipts as \$37,899.76, the expenses \$37,197.72, thus leaving a balance of \$802.04, which was sufficient to liquidate the indebtedness of the institution.

The bequest of Mrs. Sophia Neylla, of Lancaster, to the Trinity Lutheran Church, and \$10,000 to Zion's German Lutheran Church, of that city, is said to be void, not having been made at least a month before her decease, as required by the act of the Legislature relative to bequests, for religious or charitable purposes.

The new Zion German Lutheran Church in this city, is rapidly approaching completion, and when finished will be one of the finest church edifices in the city. It is located on Franklin street, between Race and Vine, opposite Franklin square. It is a very large building, constructed of brown stone, and will cost over \$100,000.

The Indiana Lutherans have united in the formation of a "Central Synod." They have adopted the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism as their articles of faith. The following sound resolution concludes the series which declares their religious views:—Resolved, That as the Reformers in the formation of said Confession intended to present the pure teachings of God's word, therefore it is subordinate to God's word, and is only justly interpreted when explained by the infallible teachings of Christ and his apostles.

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