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Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals upon Current Topics—Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph.

BIBLE OR NO BIBLE?

From the N. Y. Times. In the trial of what is now known as the "Cincinnati Bible Case," one of the counsel denied in plain terms that we have any right to be called a Christian nation, and argued at some length to show that Christianity had conferred no real benefits, even of a moral kind, upon the human race.

People who enter into unworthy compromises usually find that they have sacrificed their own convictions without securing the object at which they aimed. The contest which is now forced upon us is pre-eminently one of this kind. We are asked to throw the Bible out of our schools—and for what? To conciliate the Roman Catholics? Not at all, for they have had the candor to tell us beforehand that they take very little interest in the question.

It is important to consider that we are not situated as a people would be who had just begun to found a national system of education. It is not a question with us of introducing the Bible into schools, but of deliberately ejecting it. If it were the former, we should, in the highest interests of future generations, counsel the use of the Bible.

When we are asked to reverse a settled policy at the instigation of those who are irreconcilably opposed to our entire free school system, how can we hesitate about the answer we ought to return? The pupils at present in our schools are suddenly to see the Bible turned out of doors with ignominy. What would be the impression created upon their minds? Would not every principle of religious faith in them be deeply outraged, if not severely shaken?

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value of the cotton at \$100 per bale, the money handled by our merchants for this one product, and distributed among the planting community, will be close upon \$28,000,000. The bulk of this wealth will remain in our midst and be applied to the improvement and development of the country, the effect of which will be to promote the interests of our city in every way conceivable.

From the N. Y. Herald. The two precisely similar wrongs ought to have precisely the same remedy by all rules of justice and science. But we are about to have an example in which the name of the patient is to make a difference of treatment which the case itself does not suggest nor call for.

From the Lexington (Ky.) Gazette. Before the name of this individual shall have become embalmed in infamy or sink to an infamous oblivion, we would say a few words by way of expressing the indignation which all Kentuckians feel at his most abhorred conduct.

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on which he attempted to vindicate the negro character were selected by himself, and do him no discredit. If what he singles out as topics of eulogy are accepted by his negro constituents as just grounds of pride, the speech is calculated to do good. We hope it may steady and confirm them in the sentiments and conduct for which they are praised.

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