

Is there Education Without God.

Is there such a thing as secular education? Some very prominent educators are beginning to assert that there is not; and to lament the fact that education that tries to leave out God is producing some lamentable results. The band-wagon has some new facts:

Illinois.

President Kinley, of Illinois, was quoted recently as saying in a public address that religion is a necessary part of education.

Michigan.

President Burton has already been quoted in the Bulletin on the question of moral laxity and its remedy. Michigan has announced for next fall a school of religion, which will teach "the broad principles underlying all religion." It will be good intellectual entertainment for the searchers after novelty.

Princeton.

The Philadelphia Society has recently inaugurated a religious paper -- "The Real Issue." Its purpose is to make Princeton "men alive spiritually," as well as "perfect physically and colossal mentally."

Minnesota.

Dean Kelly spoke during the Christmas holidays at a meeting of religious workers in universities. He laid down five points of service for these men:

1. Harmonize the students' religious conceptions with their college studies in the natural and social sciences.
2. Cooperate to make the living conditions of the students as favorable as possible for the development of religious impulses.
3. Lay the foundations for religious leadership through a school of religion affiliated with the university.
4. Build a program for the training of students as prospective lay religious leaders.

These conceptions admit of orthodox interpretation and such an interpretation of them was given in general by Dean Kelly. They presuppose the fact that scientific and social study in the secular universities ignores religion, and that the professors of these subjects make science appear irreconcilable with religion.

In General.

Accredited religious courses are now available for students in twenty-one state universities, and are not provided in nineteen. Only five universities give credit for Catholic courses in religion: Columbia, Barnard, Illinois, Texas, and Florida.