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A Universal Principle . . . "There are two well defined sects, and they divide upon the question of Christian education—the one is pro-Christian and the other is anti-Christian—the selfish anti-Christian sect insists upon having its children educated at the public expense—insists upon the state supporting Godless schools."

We quote from parts of a letter to the Oregonian, printed in the issue for January first. The writer is a man of some importance in Oregon educational circles.

The Monthly has no wish to defend from such an attack the institution it serves, believing the defense already self-evident in the minds of all clear thinking people. This mode of attack moreover appeals only to the biased. But we would offer some reflections on the subject. Why stop short in this process of discrimination, why limit ourselves to education? Why not divide other functions of the state into pro and anti-Christian? Let us take government, and after separating the sort in which best flourishes psalm singing, from the sort not so favorable to that pastime, let us pay taxes accordingly. We sternly refuse to support any non-denominational government. Then let us take the regulation of commerce. We will improve no waterways, build no railroads