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NON-SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

State education, according to Dr. John Bridge, addressing Presbyterian clergymen and laymen at St. Paul, is becoming more and more secular and is to be distrusted, says the Spokesman-Review. The clergyman evidently takes exception to nonreligious education in the public schools, and deplores the fact that religion is omitted from the curriculum. His address was before delegates representing the Presbyterians of the United States and found a responsive chord in the breasts of a number of those present, for his remarks were applauded.

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The wisdom of this course is selfapparent. The Methodist teacher unconsciously might attempt to influence the children of a Jew or a Catholic. The Catholic or Jew teacher might interpret certain passages along lines taught to them, and the practice would be exceedingly offensive to the parents of children who are being reared in Protestant faiths. Even congress has demanded that the Indian schools be removed from the influence of religious sects, the last session witnessing heated debates on this very subject.

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To adopt the ideas of Dr. Bridge would throw the state schools into turmoil. Every one of a score or more of religious sects would demand that its interpretation of christianity be adopted in the public schools of its locality, and local school boards could be so influenced that religious differences would be more common in the schools than in churches. Public schools are admirably equipped under present conditions for all Office over First Nat. Bank. education which should be universal, as nunringron Presbyterianism, Catholicism, MethOdism and other faiths will conOffice over rat Nat. Bank

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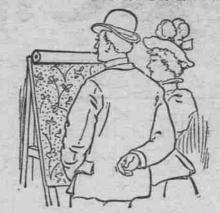
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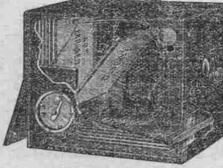
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