

The fuss about Dr. Temple's nomination to the see of Exeter ended in smoke, as all such things do. We do not believe that he is so far astray as his association with the other writers of the *Essays and Reviews* has led most people to think him. But, however that may be, the protestors have done either too much or too little. If he is too heterodox to be a bishop, he is unfit to be a priest, and the head-master of one of the chief public schools of England. But if he can occupy that position unquestioned, by what right can his "promotion" to a diocese be resisted? The only answer that can be given, is, that the Church, as a spiritual body, is tied hand and foot by the State, and is compelled to submit to what she feels to be dishonouring to her Lord and fatal to herself. No man feels this more acutely than Dr. Pusey, and, like the honest and courageous though erring man that he is, he has hoisted the banner of "Disestablishment." He is well stricken in years, but he may live to see it.

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Our Colonial cousins at the Antipodes are learning their lesson as to the evils of subsidising churches by the State. After endowing Catholics and Protestants of every kind, and Jews, the Legislature has been asked to assist the Chinese in maintaining their Pagan worship. And why not, since their taxes went into the common treasury? But this was too much; and the whole thing is to be abandoned by degrees.

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Cincinnati has excluded the Bible from her Common Schools. An analysis of the vote shows the opponents of the Bible to be made up, as might have been expected, of Roman Catholics, Jews, Infidels, and certain dough-faced and office-seeking politicians, who are always willing to do any dirty work to secure the support of the other classes aforesaid. We notice also that San Francisco is having trouble from the same priest-ridden denomination, which, although neither wealthy nor otherwise influential, can generally manage by trickery and fraud, to secure its ends.

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It is announced that the re-union of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church is accomplished. Both assemblies met at Pittsburgh, on the 10th Nov., and the city was crowded. Of the New School Presbyteries, 113 had voted for reunion unanimously, while the three remaining had each but one vote against it. The Old School vote was 127 in the affirmative (59 unanimous) to 18 in the negative. The assemblies held separate meetings for several days, but on Friday, each marched in procession, and forming a line in front of the First Church, the New and Old School Commissioners locked arms, and a hearty clapping of hands, and waving of handkerchiefs followed from the crowd of spectators. A union meeting followed in the Third Church, when Dr. Fowler made an address, and at its close, clasped the hand of Dr. Jacobus, and announced the re-union of the two bodies complete. This event brings into one body 143 Presbyteries, with 27 Synods, 2,381 ministers and 258,903 members from the Old School body, and 113 Presbyteries with 24 Synods, 1,848 ministers and 172,560 members from the New; making a united total of 256 Presbyteries, with 51 Synods, 4,229 ministers and 431,463 members. It is suggested that the event be commemorated by a thank-offering of five millions of dollars, and the erection of a grand Presbyterian House in the city of New York.