

with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up—then the kingdoms of this world and all the glory of them shall perish forever.

Whereas the Church endures to all eternity. The day and hour which marks the final vanishing of all the power and glory of the State is the very day and hour in which the Church shall arise from the dust and put on her beautiful garments and become the joy and praise of the wide universe. He shall come to be admired of the saints.

Powers so inherently diverse in origin, in purpose, in methods, and in duration are necessarily distinct and mutually independent. Hence the objection with which we are dealing assumes too much. The objector forgets that his objections may be turned against himself.

The Church as a visible society of professing Christians undoubtedly has civil rights. If, therefore, it be said that the knowledge of a religious element in the State necessarily carries with it the conclusion that the State should assume the functions of the Church, we may with equal propriety reverse the order, and say because

the Church has certain civil rights and a territorial home, therefore, it should assume the functions of the State. Put thus, it seems to me the objection answers itself. Here, then, we have, so to speak, two great corporations having something in common, but having each its own peculiar and distinctive purpose and work. The fact that these are certain things common to both, is no reason why either of these corporations should usurp authority over, much less swallow up, the other.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that the state or civil power necessarily possesses moral character ; that where, as in this country, Christianity is the prevailing religion the ethical character of the state should harmonize with the Word of God ; that the Christian state, in virtue of its inherent character as the creature of God, has a sphere of action in the matter of religion ; and that though in connection with religion church and state have much in common, their functions do not coincide, and their duties do not interfere, much less conflict.

Excellence comes from toil, from fidelity to purpose, from intelligent effort.

THE SECRET OF DISCIPLINE.

THE use of corporal punishment, except in extreme cases, is a thing of the past. What shall be its substitute? A careful study of the conditions which will bring willing obedience.

There are material and personal conditions which help to obtain the desired result. Under the first head would be pure air and a proper arrangement of light.

No teacher needs to be told the necessity for pure air in the school-

room, and yet you may enter room after room in which the air is unfit to breathe. This is because the change from the pure to the impure air is so gradual that those who are in it are not aware of it. For this reason, it seems well that the teacher should step from her room into the corridor once or twice during the session, when, on return to her room, the condition of the atmosphere will instantly be apparent to her.

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