

A FAILURE.

COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF SECULAR EDUCATION IN FRANCE.

Leading French Politicians Admit That Education Without Religion Has Not Produced the Results Hoped For.

For nearly two decades France has been making an experiment of popular education entirely divorced from the religious factor. In place of the traditional religious instruction, a system of non-religious morality has been introduced. As early as the Paris Exposition, Dean Liechtenberger, of the Protestant Faculty of Paris, published in a memorial volume, prepared expressly for the exposition exhibits, the opinions of leading educators of the country to the effect that the new experiment was a failure.

M. Berenger, vice-president of the senate, who for years has been connected with the lamented De Presence in the struggle against public immorality, has recently written:

"The immorality which is increasing in France at such a terrible rate, must be ascribed chiefly to three sources, namely, the absence of all religious instruction in the education of the children; and the lack of moral education; and the lack of discipline. Religion must again be put into its proper prominence, and a strong moral discipline must be exercised."

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Prof. Ernest Lavisse, the well known advocate of idealism, has in recent times again and again declared the non-religious character of France's system of education to be the fundamental reason for the failure of the whole system.

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