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The subject announced for my lecture is somewhat misleading. It may be supposed, in view of the discussions on the Federation of Colleges, which have occupied public attention for some time, that mistakes in educational policy or in our educational system will be passed in review. Let me say at once, this is no part of my intention. I propose to call attention to Christian education in which Christian teachers and ministers of the gospel are equally interested. I class ministers as educators, as teachers; and they are such in a very important sense. They above all others should know the mind of God in regard to the true nature of education; for to them is committed the highest and most vital part of the whole work of education. Their responsibility is therefore of the highest order. And in the discharge of this responsibility, they owe it to the interests of God's cause, and to themselves, to become thoroughly acquainted with the principles and practices which should prevail in conducting family, school and college education. Hence I have thought it in place, in the opening lecture of our College Session, to call attention, in a plain way, to some things, which, in my judgment, must be regarded as fatal mistakes in conducting the work of Christian Education.