

## Christian Education

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Broadly applied, the term, Christian Education includes education in the home, in the Sunday School, and in schools and colleges. However, in this discussion we confine our consideration to that of schools and colleges under Christian auspices.

During the colonial period higher education was initiated and maintained wholly under theegis of religion. It was not until 1789 that the first state university was chartered.

Even today, almost 320 years after the founding of Harvard University, the majority of institutions in the United States are under denominational or private control.

The contribution of the Christian college cannot be over-stated. Leadership in every phase of American life has been influenced by the small Christian college out of all proportion to their enrollments and their resources.

Not the least among the colleges that have influenced the course of events in America have been the Baptist colleges. Beginning with Furman in 1826, Baptist colleges were founded at various intervals until the latest, Belmont in Tennessee in 1952.

Contrary to the belief of some of our brethren, the Baptists have fewer colleges than do most of the major religious bodies in the United States. For example, the Catholic bodies have 195; the Methodists 77; the Presbyterians 40; the Baptists 33, of which 29 are Southern Baptist.

The constant problem of the Christian College is that of maintaining itself upon a standard of excellence that is in accord with recognized educational standards.

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