

Rev. Ser. H. A. Rice, Monticello Aug. 10. 23.

The principle that every religious sect is to maintain it's  
own teachers & instrs is <sup>too reasonable &</sup> too well established to require in our  
country to need justification. I have been from my infancy a member  
of the Episcopalian church, and to that I owe and make my con-  
-tributions. were I to go beyond that limit in favor of any  
other sectarian institution I should be equally bound to do so  
and their number is beyond the faculties of any individual.  
for every other. I believe therefore that in this, as in every other  
case, every thing will be better conducted if left to those imme-  
-diately interested. ~~in it.~~ and on these grounds I trust that  
your candor will excuse my returning the inclosed paper  
without my subscription ~~to it~~, and that you will accept the  
assurance of my great <sup>personal</sup> esteem & respect.

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The principle that every religion has to maintain its  
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of the Episcopal church and to that I owe and make my con-  
-tributions. were I to go beyond that limit in favor of any  
other sectarian religion I should be equally bound to do so  
and then wonder why the faithful of any individual  
for every other. I believe therefore that in this, as in every other  
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