

in being journeyed out to a professional person. Colleges were begun (as noted earlier) and Seminaries were added. The study of the Log College in Pennsylvania, while not typical, is exemplary of this sort of thing. It must be seen that the church community was a minority part of society by this time but still the leading educator of anyone who wanted it. There were some private and individual schools but they were small in number compared to the "church schools".

c. Following the revolution:

A number of prominent educational developments involved the church following the revolution of which we may mention the following:

(1) the Sunday School Movement:

The "First Day Association" of 1790 took the concepts of Robert Raikes and employed them in a training program. The program worked with Bible knowledge and with general and educational topics...it was mostly "interdenominational" and aimed for service chiefly among neglected areas. In 1824 the American Sunday School Union was founded, and although concentrating on the frontier, began thousands of Sunday Schools. Most of the existing denominations were content, for awhile, to work with these service organizations but eventually developed their own SS material. By 1840, we are told, there were more than 850 SS and church centered publications in the USA.

(2) Development of Church colleges

(3) Development of Seminaries

(4) Interest in public schools:

As public education became a national cry, the church was often the educator. An interesting study in this line is the life and work of McGuffey, author of the famous readers who, as a presbyterian clergyman in Ohio, decided to do something for children in helping them become more literate. (Eventually he went into an educational career.) This work built on the earlier work of men such as Christopher Dock (d. 1771) who, as a teacher in public schools, used theological and religious literature as a teaching base for morality, etc. Dock, incidentally, wrote the first general work on school management produced in the colonies.