

THE INSEPARABLE TRIO.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, (Jehovah.) — *Psalms* xxxiii. 12.

Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge. — *Isaiah* v. 13.

If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. — *John* viii. 36.

AN important reciprocal influence has ever been admitted to exist between religion, education, and freedom; but their inseparable connection and mutual dependence have rarely been maintained or demonstrated. If that can be done, the present is surely an appropriate occasion for attempting it. Such, therefore, is the theme which I shall present to this highly respected audience.

The position taken on this subject is this : —

RELIGION, EDUCATION, AND FREEDOM, ARE INSEPARABLE, AND MUTUALLY DEPENDENT.

It will give, perhaps, a clearer idea of this general proposition, if it be divided and illustrated.

First, then, true religion, an enlightened system of education, and genuine freedom, form the three great vital centres of the social system; just as the brain, the heart, and the lungs are the centres of life in the animal system. Nor can you separate these centres from one another in the one case,