MAY 17, 1890.

The Blessed Virgin.

TRIBUTES FROM PROTESTANT POETS. Ave Maris ! thou whose name All but adoring love may claim ; Yet may we reach thy shrine ; For He, thy Son and Saviour vows To crown all lowly. lofty brows With love and joy like thine. -John Keble.

At morn-at noon-at twilight dim-Mary : thou hast heard my hymn : In joy and woe-in good and ill-Mother of God-be with me still !; -Edgar Allen Poe.

Ave Maria! 'tis the hour of love! Ave Maria! 'tis the hour of love! Ave Maria; may our spirit dare Look up to thine and to thy Son above! -Lord Byron.

Mother ! whose virgin bosom was uncrossed With the least shade of thought to sin allied; Woman ! above all women glorified; Our tainted nature's solitary boast ! Purse than foam on central ocean tossed; Brighter than castern akies, at sunset strewn With fancied roses.

- Wordsworth,

For such high tidings as to thee were Chosen of heaven ! that hour, but thou, O thousen of heaven ! that hour, but thou, O E'en as a flower with gracious rains o'er fraught, Thy virgin head beneath its crown dids't bow. And take to thy breast th' all Holy Word ! And own thyself the Handmaid of the Lord ! -Mrs. Hemans.

This is indeed the Blessed Virgin's land, Virgin and mether of our dear Redeemer ! All hearts are touched and softened at her

All nearst are totally and name. Alle the bandit with the bloody hand, The prises, the prince, the scholar and the peasant, The man of deeds, the visionary dreamer, Pay homage to her as one ever present ! -Long/ellow.

I have always envied the Catholics their faith in that sweet, sacred Virgin Mother, who stands between them and the Deity, in-tercepting something of His splendor, but permitting His love to stream upon the worshipper more intelligibly to human com-prehension through the medium of a woman's tenderness.—Hawkhorne.

THE LEPERS.

INMATES OF THE LAZARETTO AT TRACADIE.

Toronto Globs, May 8.

Toronto Globs, May 8. Tracadie, N. B. April 29.—Situated on an eminence overlooking an arm of the gulf that stretches inland to grasp the puny waters of the Tracadie River stands a long frame building in which a score or so of lives find their tomb—the Lazaretto of Tracadie. It is in Glouces ter, in the north-east corner of New Brunswick, and to reach it you leave the International Railway at Bathurst and over the Caraquet Railway, a short line, and, oh, so slow, you go to Caraquet, which is about twenty miles north of the leprosy hospital. This twenty miles must be travelled over a country road that cannot at its best be compared to Ontario's concession lines, and at this season of the year is well-nigh impass-able. In musy places several feet of spossible, and a day is cocupied in the journey. The country hereabout is settled with French—it may be said ez-cusively—and some years ago it was settled with French-it may be said ex-clusively—and some years ago it was stated that owing to generations of in-termarriage nearly all the French could trace relationship to each other. The lasaretto is a two storey frame building on an elevation that gives a wide view of the gulf. It has inree main commartiments one for the Sinter of

from Acadia on the south shore of the Gult of St. Lawrence and all are impro-bable. One of them 'is that about one hundred and thirty-fi re years ago a ship from the Levant near Syria was wrecked on the coast of what is now Gloucester County and that some of the sailors shared the hospitality of the Acadians and infected them with the leprosy. Another story is that the contagion was carried from Quebec by a traveller and a third is that the origin was the eating of compartments-one for the Sisters of Hotel Dieu, in whose charge it has for male and another for the female patients. Beaides these there is a small chapel in which the Sisters keep up their regular religious exercises and all the devotions of a convent. The ditation in suramer must be beautiful. Standing near the building a piotnresque stretch of country would spread out before you, the slender thread the there was submitted to the Legis. Lawrence and below you the sleepy gulf rocking latily. Such a picture and such strange discase in the derous of the Grand Jury of the a blot behind it, calling for sympathy and arcusing repugnance! Striftering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The discase is so loghtbarding the suffering of the body rotting the suffering of the body rotting the suffering of the poor lepers of Traosdie repels one. The disfigurement, The ex-tremities of the body rotting the suffering one that he prefers, provided his choice to plane the suffering the the suffering one that he prefers, provided his choice to plane the suffering the suffering one that he prefers, provided his choice to plane the suffering the suffering one that he prefers, provided his choice to plane the suffering the suffering one that he prefers, horrible in its disfigurement. The ex-tremities of the body rotting; fingers tremities of the body rotting; fingers gene, leaving the round stump of the band; feet or toes dropping off or the band; feet or toes dropping off or the nose gone; large soft discharges, ulcer-ated sores and ghastly marks of living decay. Most of the cases have come from the district in a radius of twenty-five miles, but some were found in the Islands of Shippegan and Miscou, at the mouth of Chaieur Bay, and included in the limits of Gloucester County. Dr. Smith has now the superintendency of the lazaretio and the disease in the infected district from the Dominion Government, but be-fore his appointment the cases were loasted principally by the price's of the Catholic Church. The disease is styled Greek elephantiasis. Is first symptom is the appearance a of tiny symptom is the appearance of tiny tubercles on the skin, and er pricially on the face. These increase f.o.n the size of a pinhewi to that of a hr ze i nut. The nose and hips become 'hi kened and swollen, so that the mouth is distorted and the features unreac gnisable. The eyes drop down, eyels he s and eyebrows, and sometimes the he're (rop out. After time to tubarde he're (rop out. After a time the tubercles brusk, ulcerate and charge; the process gradually goes on, the disease at vicking even the carti-lage and bone, as d piece by piece joints and fish fall of i unitil death gives the sufferer freedom from his terrible lot. sufferer freedo m from his terrible lot. Through all itr, stay, as the malady is com-paratively p inle is. It has been said that the progress of the disease is at-tended by a moral degradation that is even more a revolution, but this the Sisters say is not true. The average duration of the disease is from ten to twelve years, but the area the area or three excentions but to are are two or three exceptions now ', the hospital. The series of the institution to complex the deprived of the services of the institution to complex the deprived of the service to the Island fo Sheldrake, where the building was then situated, it was a no or husband yet good for many years of the unploy force of times. maragement of the lazaretto is It ie ver y different to day from what it was be jore the sweet faced women who now

Men would lasso the poor creatures like wild animala, drag them by roper, and beat them with long poles to drive them into the lassretto, for none would touch them. Having been torn from the care of their families and enclosed into the small, drag cattages that them served to

AN AMUSING LETTER

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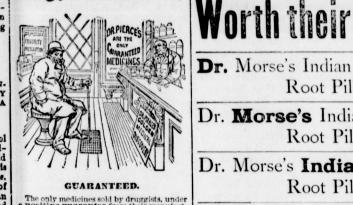
To the Editor of the Free Press :

of their families and enclosed into the amail, low cottages that then served to protect them from the weather, the un-fortunates, whose only crime was that they had been born of their parents, herded together like animals. With no one to give them the attention their condition required, deaths were numer-ous, and filth and immorality hastened them. The condition of the cottages and their inmates became so abominable that the Government of the Province under whose care the place then was that strong measures of reform hat to be made. The reform came in the persons of the Sisters of Hotel Dieu and the old state of things censed at their advent. The lazaretto was formerly a prison from

To the Editor of the Free Press : SIB, Your defence of the Separate school system and the so-called rights of minori-tics, though doubtless the best that could be expected in support of a bad cause, is replete with fallactes and abautitus. Nor can you, like many other enemies of reform, plead invincible ignorance as an excuse, after all that has been said and written for your enlightenment during the past few months by the most pro-found scholars and logicians of the age. You still labor under the delusion that the Catholic parents of Manitoba and the North-West desire Separate schools for their children, though the contrary has been again and again demonstrated. It is true that the Catholic clergy demand such schools, and that the laity pretend to favor this demand. But you should know that scientists, who have studied the mental condition of believers in papal supremecy, have found, as a result of their investigations, that whenever Catholic lay-men by their votes, speeches or contribu-ticens, appear to agrees with their clergy on any religious or educational question, they are to be understood as being privately of a contrary opinion ; ad that, in all doubt-ful cases, a committee of Protestant editors The lazzretto was formerly a prison from which escapes were numerous. Now it is a home to which the inmates are in many cases attached. The lepers and the house are kept scrupulously clean. Hired attendants do all the manual work Hired attendants do all the manual work to be done about the Lassretto and the inmates need do nothing only what he or she pleases. They are allowed a piece of land, with which they may do what they choose. They have boats in which in the summer time they sail on the gulf, and the Sisters take many means of amusing them and keeping their time employed. They seem con-tented and resigned. They roam about the little inlet in their boats, fishing, it may be; they may go anywhere on the farm, but permission is not given them to go farther than its boundaries. When the miserable colony was in such a deplorable condition, when the discovered leper was driven to the Laz. aretto and his food left for him on the ground at a distance from the place, families in which the disease made its appearance hid the knowledge from every one with a jealeus care on which their social intercourse with their neighbor depended. This assisted the spread of the malay. Now the teaching of the priests and the ministra-tions of the Sisters have resulted in a different feeling. When a case becomes apparent it is now generally made known to the authorities, I am told, and the sin of marriage by leprous families is to be done about the Lazaretto and the are to be understood as being privately of a contrary opinion; and that, in all doubt-ful cases, a committee of Protestant editors and University graduates is the proper tribunal to decide what are the real feel ings of the Catholic laity in any matter under discussion. It is most absurd to suppose that so complicated and mysteri-ous a being as the intereenth century Papist should express his thoughts and feelings by the same means as ordinary mortals. Sound Protestants at least should have no doubt on this point. Find-ing that their own co-religionists in all parts of Canada izsist on some religious ing that their own co-religionists in all parts of Canada izsist on some religious teachings in schools attended by their children, they may conclude with absolute certainty that Catholice, whose religion is the opposite of Protestantism, must neces-sarily be opposed to the principle of com-bining religious with secular instruction. And this conclusion is borns out by the facts, for the licensed logic-ians have proved by modern and approved methods, that only about half a dozen Catholic laymen in the whole Dominion are in favor of Separate schools; sin of marriage by leprous families is preached. There is no longer any fear of the discase so far as contagion is concerned, and the people of this district take only the interest in the lazaretto, those who have no friends or relatives there, that the citizens of Toronto take in the asylum. They have become accustomed to it and seldom visit it. The Sisters at

a dozen Catholic laymen in the whole Dominion are in favor of Separate schools ; bat I am inclined to think that even in the case of these few, any court of law would sccept such a peculiar circumstance as proof that the individuals in question received holy orders from some Jesuits in disguise. Such being the case, whatever may be said in favor of Separate schools for Utopia or other places beyond the ses, it would be highly criminal to force such schools on Canadian Catholics or to establish them for the sake of a few ecclespatients, do all that can be done, and (handle them without a trace of fear. No Sister has died of the disease, nor 'has any one who ever entered the institution The did not water with the state. any one who ever entered the institution who did not enter with it. A wrasher-woman, who, for a great many yer, as washed all the clothes of the leggers, has not contracted it. The patients' ages range from ten to seventy yee.rs. There are several theories as to how heprosy got among the rough settlers from Acadis on the south shore of the Call of St. Lawrence and all are impro-

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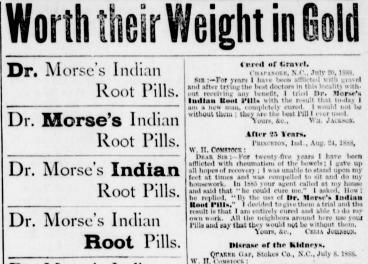
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and, on the part of the Boople, of unstate of the intentions of the Government. The Sisters of Hotel Dieu, Montreal, took charge of the Issaretto about the year 1868. The sympathy of Miss Viger, of Montreal, or Sister St. John as abe was called in religion, was aroused by hearing of the deplorable state of the lepers, and she volunteered to go to them. The result was an invitation to the Sisters to come to the relief of the sufferes. The Mother Superior asked for vol-ing to what was then a veritable charnel-house they were instructed in the treatment of leprosy. The Mother Superiores herself came down for a few months at first to help get things in sisters, at first numbering seven, but after-Sisters, at first numbering seven, but afterwards increased to sixteen, have been obliged to retire from ill-health. Some have died here and been buried martyrs to the truest cause, though no monument stands over their quiet graves. Always there have been volunteers ready to fill

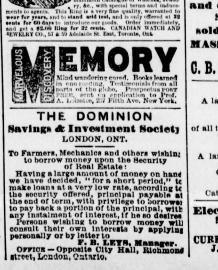
the gaps. In 1880 the Province handed control of

in choosing as the basis of his policy the one that he prefers, provided his choice is determined by worthy motives, such as a love of office and its emoluments and not by a base desire to promote the weifare or happiness of the people,

Mappiness of the people, Whatever may be your private opinion as to whether the national schools should be secular or religious, you must admit that if Christianity is to be recognized at all, there are too great advantages in having the character and amount of religi-ous evercises determined by a central authority for the whole Province, instead of allowing each parent to send his chil-dren for religious instruction to a tracher of his own denomination. In the first place, the former plan will ulti-mately bring about uniformity of worship and bellef throughout the whole counand bellef throughout the whole "coun-try, a "consummation devoaity 'to be wished" by all good Christians. If chil-dren are taught to worship together when young, they are not likely to split up into denominations for such purpose when they grow up; whereas if you continue the separate system we may expect a con tinuance of the present lamentable divi-sions and sub divisions which so retard the progress of Christianity and strengthen sions and sub divisions which an is return the progress of Christianity and strengthen the common foe. A second advantage of the new system is that the worship and religious teaching are more likely to ac-cord with the divine original if determined by an advisory board composed of learned, enlightened and spiritual men, acting under the inspirations of Cabinet minis ters renowed for virtue and plety, than if ters renowed for virtue and piety, than if the matter were left to the whims or fancies of parents, each prejudiced in favor of his own particular creed, and the majority of the Scriptures and of the rudiments of theology. But we are not left to conjecture on this important point. If you will take the trouble to read the productions of the departmental mathe-maticians and astrologers you will find it maticians and astrologers you will find it proved most conclusively that during the hours denoted by the magic numbers from nine to sixteen, all the children within an area of twenty five equare miles must

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