a supernatural life which was crowned by the prodigious miracle of her assump-tion. Even though the Church has not defined the Assumption as a dogma of faith, nevertheless an account of its uni-versal acknowledgment, its superemin-ent fitness, it would be nothing less than temerity for any one to deny that God bestowed his crowning reward upon His blessed Mother.

Consider for a moment who the Blessed Virgin was, the intimate rela-tion between her and her divine Son,

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as well as by special enactment, debrown on firmer, but more entightened, our love for her more quickneed
our rejoicing greater. Immaculately
conceived through the anticipated merits of Jesus Christ, and she was not
subject to original sin. Now, as original sin brought corruption to the body,
and the penalty of death, Mary was
freed from it. She died indeed, not the
victim of sin, but in obedience; and as
through the magnitude of God's justice
and power when living she was clevated
beyond the estate and condition of all
flesh, so in passing from life she was
lifted up, glorified in body and soul,
into Heaven.

Moreover, if we consider her unique
work as Mother of the God man, the bestowing on Him of our human nature,
the intimate and sacred relations of her
life to His, we shall the better see how
fitting, how necessary was it that the
union on earth should continue in
heaven. Hers were the arms that
gently carried the divine Child, the
breast that nourished Him, hers the
heart that beat in unison with His.
How, then, could this tabernacle of the
Most High be dissolved? How could
the Tower of David, built of imperishable cedar, moulder and crumble? or
the House of Gold be tarnished? what
part has death and corruption, and the
darkness and exile of the tomb in her,
who is all fair, without a spot or
vrinkle? As she was the Mother of
Jesus, God honored her with the
dignity and the reward becoming such
a mother. In childhood, in manbood, in
His public life, in His death, at His
ascensiou, Mary was ever present.
As she followed Jesus from His childhood to the last sigh upon the cross, so

The excellent Presbyterian, to whose
appeal in behalf of a community of Canadian nuns we gladly give place in the
present issue of the Are Maria, complains of "a curious apathy amongst the

Union, Maynooth College, Ireland, by Rev. B. Maguire. While admitting to some extent prosperity through Protestantine in some countries Father Maguire gave good explanations showing the reason why. On one point—the matter of time—he noted and emphasized a worldly advantage lo Protestantism, as to which he said:

"It is only when one studies the problem in the light of what one observes in Catholic people supported more generously the Catholic table people supported more generously the Catholic table people supported more generously the Catholic body of ordinary means, while to often the wealthy ignore our press altogether.

And first of all, if we consider the element of time, apparently a negligible quantity, we shall find that in the aggregate-the difference is far from trivial especially in those days of feverish activity, of telegraphs, telephones, motors and other contrivances for getting as much value out of seconds as formerly they used out of hours. In holy days of obligation alone the Catholic takes from the world and gives to God about three per cent of his working year; that is, he forfeits a fair dividend on his capital. If we add to this the time spent on daily Masses festivals, tridiums, novemas, reception of Sacraments, and many other per lous observations, so common in Catholic countries, we shall find the margin of difference on his head considerably enhanced. It will be observed there is no corresponding expenditure of time to be reckoned to the credit of the Protestant."

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Father Maquire holds of still more importance and significance in consideration of the matter he thus pre-

sents:

"It is no slander on Protestants generally to say that they keep heir practical religion and practical business in —if I may say so—water-light compartments. In their case if the Sunday is taken from the world with a rigor that is sometimes Jewish, the remaining six days of the week are given up to business with a zeal that is no less Jewish.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

TUESDAY AUGUST 15

"Blessed art thon, O daughter, by the Lord the most high God, above all women upon the earth he shall not depart out of the most high shall not depart out of the most of the most high shall not depart out of the most provided in the case is widely different. Neither Staday or Monday is Jewis; for both are Christian, impregnated alike with the joyousness of the Resurrection. With the Protestant business overflows into his devotions; with the Catholic religion overflows into his business; for he knows nothing of waterlight compartments. The one pays God eager service with a smile and feels himself a creditor; the other diels himself a creditor; the other diels himself a debtor still. Statistics cannot reach the moments of the difference and narration fails to do it justice. It is there, however, for even the casual of all sto observe it."

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order, shut off from the world by triple vows, would be anomanly amounting practically to a contradiction in terms. In every Catholic country, as we know thousands of her best children, by a voluntary act, sanctioned by the Church, turn their backs on riches, and all that riches mean. Even her secular priesthood are by the nature of their calling as well as by special enactment, debarred from the pursuit of gain. The resulting volume of loss to the world is made a reproach to her, and is not infrequently held to justify iniquitous and tyrannical laws. We readily ac-

dignity and the reward becoming such a mother. In childhood, in manboad, in His public life, in His death, at His assession, Mary was ever present.

As she followed Jesus from His childhood to the last sigh upon the cross, so also, enwrapt in the embrace of God's affection, body and soul she followed Him after a brief exile to heaven. There she reigns in the majesty of her being; there, too, she pleads with outstretched arms before her Son, averting His anger and obtaining innumerable graces for us, if we but call upon Her with pure and loving hearts.

Let us, then, dear brethren, become worthy of such an intercessor. Let this the feast day of the Assumption of our blessed Mother bear new frait into our souls. Let us rejoice in this exceeding grace with which she is exceeding g PROTESTANTISM AND
PROSPERITY

Protestantism and Prosperity was the subject of a paper read at the recent Annual Meeting of the Maynooth Union, Maynooth College, Ireland, by Rev. B. Maguire. While admitting to some extent prosperity through Protestantism protest.

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publish all the account as the dailies had it. The gentleman was indignant and finally the editor bluntly told him he was under no obligation to him as he had refused to subscribe or advertise in the Catholic paper. This incensed the man the more and finally the editor said: "I will publish the account as you wish it for twenty dollars, and when the cash is paid, I will enter you on our books for a paid up subscription of the years." The man was anxious that the Catholic paper should print the wedding account as he wanted to send copies to his people across the ocean, and finally agreed to the contract, saying he would send a check for the amount when the first strength of the contract, saying he would send a check for the amount when the first strength of the contract, saying he would send a check for the amount when the first strength of the contract saying he would send a check for the amount when the first strength of the contract saying he would send a check for the amount when the first strength of the contract saying he would send a check for the amount when the first saying he would send a check for the amount when the first saying he would send a check for the amount when the first saying he would send a check for the amount when the first saying he would send a check for the amount when the first saying he would send a check for the amount when the first saying he would send a check for the amount when the first saying he would send a check for the amount when the first saying he would send a check for the amount when the saying he would send a check for the amount when the saying he would send a check for the amount when the saying he would send a check for the amount when the saying he would send a check for the amount when the saying he would send a check for the amount when the saying he would send a check for the amount when the saying he would send a check for the amount as the saying he would send a check for the amount when the saying he would send a check for the saying he would send a check copy of the paper reached him. The first copy reached him in due time but the check for twenty dollars has never appeared at the editor's office. Yet this man likes now and then to vaunt his loyalty to Catholicity.—Catholic Col-

### SISTERS AMONG LEPERS

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He says:

"The personal holiness of Mary, her stainless purity, her deep humility, her never-failing serenity of soul gave to the Hermit of Birmingham that spiritual shield and armor needful for the struggle. Through him she crushed the head of the serpent of heresy as she did of old, at Lepanto or in the darker days of Arianism. Protestantism has received a death-wound—it can never more command the enlightened brain received a death-wound—it can never more command the enlightened brain and intelligence of England. Already the pulpits that once vomited blasphemy upon her sacred spotless name are now selecting, as favorite hymns, 'My Rosary' and the 'Ave Maria.' Already the leaven is at work, and in God's own time pilgrimages will be made once more, not to Canterbury but to a humble tomb in Birmingham. And grateful hearts, will utter the favorite prayers of him, who was their Voice crying in the wilderness:

things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report, think on these things." In the well-formed habit of thinking pure thoughts lies the secret of being

pure inheart; and in the daily and night meditation on the law of the Lord is a safeguard against many of these sins which defile the carnal heart and debase and blacken the countenance.

NEWMAN'S PRAYER TO MARY

wilderness:

"'Oh Mary! in thee is fulfilled the purpose of the Most High. Thy face and form, dear Mother, are like the morning star, which is thy emblem, bright and musical, breathing purity, telling of heaven, infusing peace. O' Harbinger of Day! O Hope of the pilgrim, lead us still as thou hast led us in the dark night across the bleak desert, guide us on to our Lord Jesus—guide us to our heavenly home.'"

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