

We make no act of faith in the infallibility of written examinations; such tests are very deceptive. It is the only plank of salvation held out to us by the Department of Education to save us from the flood of baseless charges let loose upon us by our opponents. Discretion is always the better part of valor; we swim with the stream because we cannot stem it. Let no one say that such a course smacks of cowardice; written examinations cannot as yet make their bow to a better stan-

dard. The departmental examinations prove conclusively that our Separate Schools, as at present constituted and developed, need not fear any comparison that may be drawn between them and the Public Schools. All honor to those who fought the battles of Catholic education and wrung amendment after amendment to the Separate School code from an unwilling legislature.

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PHRENOLOGY.

'Tis strange how like a very dunce,
Man, with his bumps upon his scone,
Has lived so long, and yet no knowledge he
Has had, till lately, of Phrenology—
A science that by simple dint of
Head-combing he should find a hint of,
When scratching o'er those little pole-hills
The faculties throw up like mole-hills.

