

of Mr. Warburton's predecessors who have attempted to handle our educational system. But Mr. Warburton in contradistinction to all others handles the question "like a man of mettle, and it soft as silk remains"—pliable, malleable. Public opinion, some writer says, is like a knife—catch it by the blade and it cuts and wounds; grip it by the handle and you direct it as you desire. Our friend, Judge Warburton, takes hold of our educational system by the handle and is surely, if slowly, moulding and shaping the public opinion of the Province to a knowledge of its numerous defects and shortcomings.

Our educational system, for some occult reason, has so far been treated as a divine institution. Great, indeed, then is the courage of Judge Warburton to enter a breach so dangerous—to tread upon ground so religiously and scientifically mined with the most deadly explosives. That the danger is but an imaginary one all these years, is shown in this as in many other things, and that it only needed a man with more courage and fortitude than the most of us, like Mr. Warburton, to completely dissipate the erroneous impression. Judge Warburton has skilfully entered the wedge and the total cleavage, if not complete disintegration of our boasted P. E. I. School System is but a matter of time, and its end—its judgment day shall not come any too soon. Its result has been meagre. It has spread Athesim. It has detracted against the worship of God. It has abolished Reverence. It has displaced humility from the plane of virtues and reinstated pride and arrogance in its place. It has overcrowded the professions. It has dispopulated the farms and created a contempt for agricultural pursuits. It has done more to increase the exodus to the United States than any fiscal policy of a Government since 1877. It has done these and more. It is surely time to call a halt. More anon.

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SIR,—I have before me a pamphlet entitled "An Address to Prince Edward Island, by Fabius Cassius Funny Fellow, A Native. P. E. Island. Printed for the Author 1862." I shall say nothing about the merits of the publication, but I should like to know who was its author, who its publisher. Can you or can any of your readers enlighten me? Yours, BOOKWORM.



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SIR.—I was not aware until lately that there was a magazine published in this Province before your admirable Prince Edward Island