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**ED. THE INDEPENDENT:—
Segregation**

The following letter from the Leper Settlement has been received: We have been informed that at Kalihī, the gates of the Receiving Station, are open to visitors, that a constant intercourse is tolerated between lepers and outsiders, that clothes of lepers are taken away for washing. And that the boys from Kalawao under treatment can roam freely, not only in the Kapiolani Home, where none but leprous girls are kept, but elsewhere, too. Will you, Mr. Editor, take pains to learn the truth in this matter and inform us in your INDEPENDENT paper of the results of your investigation? We lepers in Molokai do not consider ourselves more dangerous to the community than those lepers at the Receiving Station. If they can be visited why not we? If the law of Segregation is not applied to the lepers at Kalihī why should it be enforced at Molokai.

Most Respectfully,
A LEPER.
Leper Settlement, Molokai, August 29th., 1895.

It will be seen that our correspondent claims that segregation is not carried out at Kalawao and Kalihī as it ought to be. As far as the first named place is concerned our correspondent surely ought to be better posted than we are. In regard to Kalihī the following extract of a letter published last week in the Makasinana seems to indicate that the complaint of our correspondent is well founded.

Isaac Kihe writes to the following effect: "At the Kalihī station families are freely admitted to see their patients without any objection. I greatly admire the Superintendent's kindness and pleasant disposition generally. What strictness existed heretofore is done away with at present. Wherefore I now testify that all persons are allowed to freely visit their sick."

Segregation ought, of course, to be enforced, and if the rules have been relaxed anywhere we do not doubt that the Board of Health will lose no time in enforcing them. The Board at present, however, has its hands full of a more vital matter and can hardly be expected to look into the grounds for our correspondent's complaint immediately.

On a Level with the Dog. One frequently hears people say, when addressed in some language with which they are supposed to be familiar—"I can understand it, but I cannot speak it." The expression would not be heard as often if all who used it were treated as brusquely as was a Highlander recently by an old friend of the family. The old man spoke to him in Gaelic, and received the customary reply: "I can understand it, but I cannot speak it." "My dog can do that," said the Macgregor scornfully.

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