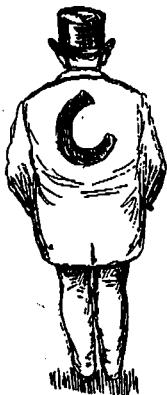


London. On the evening of December 3rd, a distinguished assemblage at the Canada Club in that city witnessed the presentation to the gallant lieutenant of a splendid piece of plate as a testimonial from the city of Halifax. Stairs won Stanley's heart completely as an intrepid and fearless soldier and an honorable gentleman. He proved himself, indeed, quite the peer of Stanley himself in all the qualities necessary to the prosecution of such a task as the march across Darkest Africa.



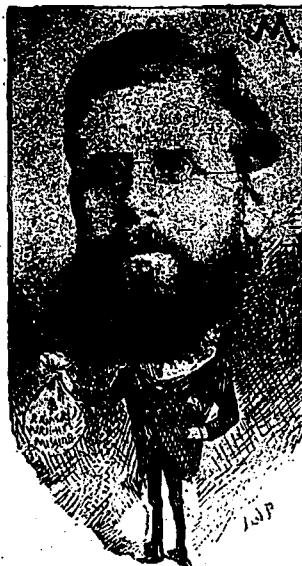
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ONGRESS is once more in session and President Harrison's message has been handed in and put through the usual gauntlet of criticism by the press of the country. From a composite summary of the criticisms we learn that, as usual, the document is an able and exhaustive treatment of the questions of the hour; that it is exceedingly weak and trivial, but shows the grasp of a master mind, although in every sentence it proclaims that its writer is a weakling who is utterly incompetent to deal with national affairs. The views expressed in the message are sound

and statesmanlike, though at the same time they are fallacious and worthy only of a pettifogging, third-rate ward politician. With the assistance of all these erudite editors the average citizen has no difficulty in making up his mind about the message.

#### IT CURED HIM.

"WHY don't you try the Faith Cure?"  
"So I did."  
"And how did it work?"  
"Oh, successfully!"  
"By Jove! and it cured your asthma?"  
"Oh, no! But it cured my faith."



#### MULOCK'S MUNIFICENCE.

IN last week's issue we paid our respects to Mr. Mulock, M.P., and expressed our opinion of his handsome act in connection with the sending Prof. Ramsay Wright to Germany to study the Koch consumption cure. The portrait of the hon. gentleman which embellishes this paragraph was meant to embellish the article referred to, but our engraver, through pressure of other orders upon his valuable time, was unable to finish it before the hour of going to

press. We return to the subject now not merely to give the portrait—of which we are rather proud—to the read-

ing public, but also to suggest to Mr. Mulock that it would be a good idea for him to follow up his first donation with another, to be devoted to an investigation of the Laurier cure for political consumption. If he will lay aside say \$50,000, to defray the expenses of a trip to Montreal by Mr. Single Tax Wood or Mr. W. A. Douglas, or some other expert in political economy, for the purpose of finding out precisely what Dr. Laurier's trade-policy lymph is composed of, he will be conferring another blessing upon humanity in Canada. An impression prevails that the specific which is being manufactured in the Liberal Laboratory is of too mild a character to meet the desperate disease with which it is meant to cope. If this is the case, the sooner the public is informed of it the better, and either of the distinguished gentlemen named would be able to give Dr. Laurier such pointers as would enable him to make the lymph all it ought to be. It is unfortunately a fact that most of our political professors have been too busy with the practical details of party management to be able to devote any study worth mentioning to the subject of Economics, and this may possibly be the case with Mons. Laurier.



#### A CIVIC POSSIBILITY.

MR. ALD. G-LL-SP-E—"Er—were you looking for a good man for Mayor, Miss Queen City?"

#### HON. OLIVER'S LECTURE.

MESSRS. WILLIAMSON & CO. have published Mr. Mowat's lecture on "Christianity and some of its Evidences," in dainty book form. The cover is pure white, fitly emblematic of the Government which the eminent author leads. We haven't as yet given the lecture a reading—we are keeping it for Sunday—and consequently are only able now to exhaustively review it. We will refrain from so doing, however, as an example to our critical brethren. The lecturer, with characteristic caution, professes to give only *some* of the evidences of Christianity. This is perhaps why he has not dwelt upon the practical illustration to be found in his own Cabinet or even in that at Ottawa. Modesty may have prevented his doing the first, but why did he omit the second? Was it a want of space, or political jealousy? Aside from all this, the little book ought to, and will be, widely read, and cannot but add to the regard in which Mr. Mowat is held by all parties.