

such memorials may be brought together into one volume. Somethings, it is possible, had better be forgotten; but other things it would be well to keep in everlasting remembrance. We bespeak for the volume, when it shall appear, a warm reception and a large patronage. In this way, too, may the Superannuated Fund be materially helped, as the profits of such a volume go to swell its income.

JUDICIAL HANGING.

We hope that Canada has seen the last of its hangings. There is, to our thinking, something demoralizing to every better sentiment in the manner in which two continents have been watching the cell of the condemned and much be-written criminal, who by this public attention is raised to a sort of heroship instead of being consigned to merited oblivion. We do not argue here the general question of capital punishment. We merely express the conviction that, in the higher civilization of the future—we hope of the near future—it will be banished from the land. There is a growing repugnance towards it almost everywhere. Although society has a right to protect itself, it has not the right to avenge itself. "Thou shalt not kill" we think imperative upon courts and communities as well as upon individuals.

The judicial death of the unhappy man, Birchall, involves the terrible dilemma of either hanging an innocent man or else of sending a man into eternity with a lie upon his soul. From both of these we should recoil with abhorrence. Society, we judge, would be no less protected by the life-long incarceration of such an unhappy man and his employment in some useful industry, than by his tragical taking off. Nay, we think it would be better protected, for juries will be slow to convict even a guilty man when they know that the consequences of such conviction are irreparable. But we have neither time nor space to fully discuss this subject which has been so conspicuously forced of late upon the public attention.

ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS TO MAGAZINE FOR 1891.

In addition to the very full announcement of this monthly for 1891, including its many illustrated articles and its new department of "Popular Science," arrangements have also been made for a series of brief papers on "The Poets of Canada," by the Rev. Matthew Ritchie Knight, himself one of our sweetest and strongest singers and one of our best known *littérateurs*. Mr. Knight's papers will include Arthur J. Lockhart, Charles G. D. Roberts, Bliss Carman, Archibald Lampman, Wilfred W. Campbell, Magnus Sabiston, Arthur Weir, and J. Hunter Duvar, and other young Canadian poets. This series will be of distinct literary value and of great patriotic interest.

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