

way. Jane freely acknowledged that she had been a very bad girl, expressed much regret at her conduct, promised obedience in future, &c., &c.; ran to Miss J. and kissed her with child like affection, and appeared much delighted when Miss J. kissed her in return, and evinced in every way she could, during the remainder of the day, her attachment to Miss J. said nothing about the flogging to her parents when she went to dinner, nor did they know anything about it until a (kind?) neighbor sent them word.

On the following morning Jane was the bearer of a letter, (of the contents of which I will say nothing.) To this letter Miss J. sent a lengthy and respectful reply, expressing her *deep regret* at having been obliged to inflict so severe a punishment on her daughter, &c.— Mr. Kelly, the head teacher then called on Jane's parents, \* to explain to them the case. Miss J. also called on them, at Mr. Kelly's request, on the following day, but these interviews were far from satisfactory. Mr. McKay was determined "to have her up." Miss J. further stated to me that she had already suffered most intensely, and felt that it would be quite impossible for her to appear before the Mayor at court, if I did not sit with him, after what she had heard of his character. And learning, gentlemen, that she had been served with the summons during school hours, by the Town Constable in his well known uniform, and required to appear in so degrading a place as the Police office, I could not but think that such conduct much too harsh, and altogether uncalled for to meet the ends of justice; and knowing also that Miss J. had no vote, and that Mr. Ex-Councillor McKay had not only a vote, but no small amount of influence, that had always been used for the Mayor, I did consciously think that the poor girl unassisted, would not obtain impartial justice at the hands of the Mayor. In this opinion, I feel quite confident that nearly all of you will agree with me. Then gentlemen, can any one of you for a moment blame me for having consented to act? I am sure you will not. If any one of you had a daughter similarly situated, would you not feel thankful for the efforts of any Magistrate to protect the weak girl against the strong Mayor?

I told Miss J. that I was most anxious not to act at all as a Magistrate, but felt it to be my *bounden duty* to do so on this occasion, and *could not refuse* her request;—that I very much feared that it would bring me in collision with the Mayor, but would use my best endeavors to prevent it.

My first object now was, to get the time and place changed if possible. To assist me in this task, I first sought the assistance of James Wilkes, Esq., the Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, but failing to find him, I solicited the assistance of Ex-Councillor Woodyatt, one of the most active School Trustees; This gentleman at once expressed his willingness to accompany me, *if he could be of any use* in accomplishing so desirable an object; but for reasons not necessary to state here, he thought *it would be better for him not to do*

\* Mr. K. has informed you through the Press of his treatment on this occasion; I need not now allude to it.