

FINGER PRINTS.

The death, in London, Eng., last week, of Sir William James Herschel recalls that the system of finger-print identification, now in practically world-wide use, was systematically developed by him away back in 1859, when he was a member of the Indian Civil Service. Our own Dominion Police employ this aid to their work in a highly scientific and successful manner.

THE RESTFUL HOMES OF CLAY.

It was peaceful in the graveyard, this
sweet October day,
As the crisp leaves fell thro' the mild
air o'er restful homes of clay.
A woodpecker tapped on a tall tree
and a rabbit whisked away,
As I passed beside the modest graves
where the poor and unknown lay.

Ah! me. No obelisks or pillars rose
high in this sad place,
Yet kind and loving ones had left e'en
here the blessed trace
Of tender care expended upon each
grave's small space;
And my soul paid silent homage to
their loving Christian grace.

God bless ye! Kindly people, wher-
ever you may be;
Your acts keep hope a-living within
the soul of me,
That life is not all sordid—that love
we still may see—
Even love like unto His, who died on
Calvary.

—Garrett O'Connor.

Bridgeburg, Niagara River.

CORRESPONDENCE.

E.J.M., Vancouver—All names previously published, but you give additional details. Thanks for good wishes. If all co-operated as you do our task would be easy.

J.C.G., Toronto—Report of the re-

cent Railway Mail Clerks' Convention will be published as soon as it is received from the secretary.

WHY I AM READY.

Because I am a Government employee and want to do my duty;

Because my Country needs me;

Because I don't want to be called a "slacker";

Because I am not afraid;

Because I want to keep my name untarnished;

Because I want my folks to be proud of me;

Because I don't want the world to say *I am a coward*;

Because I realize that it is deeds and not words that count;

Because I want to show the Kaiser that we are not Bluffers;

Because I am Patriotic;

Because I am going to fight for the flag that waves all over the world and has never known defeat;

Because I am not a "quitter";

Because I want to maintain my self-respect;

Because I believe in freedom and personal liberty;

Because I am a "MAN."

—Long Room, Customs, Montreal.

There is evidence from different parts of Canada of a lamentable decline of patriotic effort. Ottawa very nearly failed to secure its quota of money for the British Red Cross. Even Toronto reports a falling off in work for soldiers' comforts. The Canadian Red Cross Society has had to withdraw its former aid to the French hospitals. All this is disgraceful and the blame lies, not upon organizations, but upon individuals. Are *you* one of them?

Five hundred civil servants have been wounded and no one has reported their casualties to *The Civilian*. Great lack of departmental pride in some regions of the Service.