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THE FARCE CONTINUED.

The COVAY investigating farce has been continued to another stage, probably the last one. The inquiring authority has beaten about every bush but the right one, beaten about every bush but the right one, has busied himselt with time-worn accusations that were disposed of years ago has heard with anxiety of the temptations to which his predecessor was exposed, has made a point of finding out all that was completely irrelevant to the case, and entirely neglected to get proper evidence in a proper way on the charges against Sergeant Covay.

Such vacillating and unsatisfactory methods naturally lead to the pertinent inquiry: does Chief Clarke wish to obtain any evidence against Covay? Is he not hampered by influences that should not enter

pered by influences that should not enter into the government of the police force?

We can afford to laugh at the nonsensical

There has been considerable comment upon the statement of John Scott that the letter which appeared in the last issue of this paper was forged. We are bound to accept the statement as correct, but while we do not think that Scorr wrote

at present in discussing civic reform. recent vote of the citizens was virtually an expression of want of confidence in the

expression of want of confidence in the present administration and one result has been the resignation of the chairman of the board of works.

It would be interesting to know what the voters of this city think about the public works that have been carried on here the past year. If we are not mistaken, there wanld be a decided lack of confidence expressed. It is extremely doubtful however, if such an expression would have any effect upon the authorities.

They do not seem to consider that the people are interested in the affairs of the corporation, and are every year inclining more and more to that wonderful condition of "we are the people."

Even our mayor, who depends for his position and civic income of \$1,600, upon the votes of the people, does not seem to "Mr. Harry Neville, the new violinist, made his "Mr. A. I. Links, when the proper in the corporation in Christmas or the work by the St. John's church be gained acquisition. Copies are expected very shortly, and work will be commenced on it next Tuesday evening. A new member for the choir, who will prove a decided exquisition. Copies are expected very shortly, and work will be commenced on it next Tuesday evening. A new member for the choir, who will prove a decided exquisition is been engaged. No doubt the St. Andrew's people will miss Mr. A. H. Lindsay very much, but their loss will be St. John's church's gain. Among the music to be sung on Sunday in that church is a very well written Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, by W. A. C. Crukshank.

The grand exhibition concert came off too late for me to notice it this week, as also did the church of England Institute service, which took place in Trinity church.

From what I hear I faucy the St. George's (Carleton) congregation will have to hun around for a new organist, as Master Fred Blair is thinking of taking a course of musical study elsewhere.

A musical circles should here are expected very shortly, and work will be commenced on it next Tuesday evening. A more member for the choir, who will prove a decided e

position and civic income of \$1,600, upon the votes of the people, does not seem to go to any considerable trouble in consulting their tastes. We are sometimes inclined to wonder what we pay him \$1,600 for, whether it is for his labor or to assist him in defraying the cost of expensive enter-taining in connection with his office. With

only these two reasons it would probably be a very difficult matter to account for

such an expenditure.

If our mayor was really the fountain head of authority, if he had any power and knew how to exercise it rightly, if he had anything to do beside the signing of certain documents then no taxpayer could envy him his salary. Our mayor has practically no power, he can do nothing without the val of the council, and yet we pay him \$1,600 for presiding at a score of council meetings and his official signature. In the days of JONES and GRANT the

money was not misspent. They were men who had an interest in the city, who suggested improvements and helped to carry them out. They used their eyes when walking about the streets, and did not fail facts seem to have been forgotten at the

PEN AND PRESS.

Miss Helen Leah Reed, whose success in winning the Sargent prize at the close of her studies at the Harvard Annex has made her name well known, has become literary editor of the Boston Daily

We can afford to laugh at the nonsensical statement that if he held an investigation on oath he would be liable to heavy punishment. Mr. CLARKE knows very well that when this paper demanded a proper investigation into the charges against Covay that he was not meant to be the presiding officer. But it was his duty as chief of the police force to bring such a matter to the attention of the police magistrate, and with his assistance arrive at a proper conclusion.

If what we have heard is correct, if the statement of from one to six officers of the force can be relied upon the chief does not aim to get at the bottom facts in regard to the Covay matter. The failings of other men have been of 'far greater inportance than the serious offences of the roundsman Covay.

There is not the shadow of a chance that under the present circumstances justice will be done in the matter. The investigation has been a farce from the beginning and will be a farce to the end.

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IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

SOME CIVIC REFLECTIONS.

The press of Toronto is busily engaged typesent in discussing civic reform. The cent vote of the citizens was virtually an appression of want of confidence in the

very much.

Mr. Harry Neville, the new violinist, made his first appearance before a St. John audience on Thursday evening. Mr. Neville will be a welcome addition to our concerts, etc., and I hope he may be successful establishing a class for the study of the

addition to our concerts, etc., and I hope he may be successful establishing a class for the study of the violin.

Dr. Stainer's sacred contais, Jairus' Daughier was finely rendered by the choir of St. Faul's cathe dist, Syracuse, on Sunday evening, Sept. 28th. The irebie solos were suny by ladies, and the music war much enjoyed by a congregation which packed the

walking about the streets, and did not tail te remember that while the people gave them no power to act, yet they were there the rear of our neighbors, or win their apto watch and protect their interests. These proval, the deprecatory, self-convicting tone, is scarcely the one to our purpos present day. The public entertainment Our republican neighbors do not fail of the ditizens is also a thing of the past.

How would it do to follow the good English custom and make the mayor's philosophy will be in keeping with the chair a seat of honor and not of emolinement? Would we have better mayors, or they will have a contempt to match it. It none at all, if there was no salary with the is not true that our literary and poetical belongings are, all things considered, con temptible; though some writer in the Week, has of late cooly averred that the less said about it the better. I could. from the poetical books of Canada, com er anthology than did Griswold, who had from which to select his garb, the earlier productions of some of the standard t America.

Mr. Harte, however, in his article in the same number of the magazine, has not erred in the same direction; and the be lievers in something possibly good out of cry for them. They may have a thrill of pride, even, looking over the goodly array of names and faces in this article, which is as remarkable for its omissions as for the peculiarity of its claims. We some reason for considering itself the hub. and three parts of the periphery, when we remember that Goldwin Smith is there, a writer whose pen touches near the point of perfection in prose, and whose character is equal to his reputation. Nor are we displeased at hearing our admired poet, Lampman, so well described, and so warmly praised; however injudicious and unnecessary claims may be made for him. The recognition his verse has won is by intrinsic merit, for he has a subtle eye and hand, and through his delicate etchings of Canadian scenery, that poetic essence, better felt than told, is strongly diffused. But this may be enough. We doubt if Mr. Lampman himself wishes to be considered as the leader of a sect, or the founder of a school any more than did Keats, who, in point of fact, has exercised an influence second to none but Woodsworth upon the poets of this age. Mr.
Lampman has unquestionably felt his power and even verbal resemblances might be traced. As to this matter of poetical pre-eminence, it must still be a debatable one, a woman who added one miracle more. eminence, it must still be a debatable one, and we cannot suppose that Mr. Harte has disposed of it in excathedra and summary fashion. We have frequently seen the All longed to possess, and abroad or at home When they found it would strut with an air of such to accept the statement as correct, but while we do not think that Scott wrote the letter, we do believe that the writer, whoever he was, obtained the facts directly from Scott, and that they are substantially correct. The interview with Scott, printed in another part of this paper will bear out our statement. It will also show that so far as this paper is concerned it was not negligent in the matter, but made sufficient inquiry to ascertain that Scott was a reputable workman, that he lived and worked in the place stated in the letter and — this was unexpected information—that he was cognizant of the facts were correct, that is no excuse for such a forgery. It is as much a crime to sign another's name to a letter as it is to sign another's name to a letter as it is to sign another's name to a letter as it is to sign another's name to a letter as it is to sign another's name to a letter as it is to sign another's name to a letter as it is to sign in to a check or a note. The truth of the statement does not excuse though it may extenuate the offence.

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**In the letter, we do believe that the writer, whoever he was, obtained the facts were equite a number of changes, the complete of the surface of the service of the service of the statement does not excuse though it may be a surface of the service of the servi is Mr. Roberts so remote, so little of kin, that he should not be named among these with equal warmth and amplitude of characterization? We may have reason to complain here that Mr. Harte has not been equal to his opportunity, and cannot be pronounced free of the suspicion of injusis really established, we really believe it will not be too small to contain a niche equal in elevation to that of any of the

poets by whom we are now being instructed There seems to be a tendency in some quarters to decry writings, upon the ground of their too great reflectiveness of earlier masters; so that, if it can be alleged of some one that he smacks of this or that some one that he smacks of this of this writer, it must be supposed to detract stem, your name is necessary. We have no knowgreatly from his individuality and intrinsic worth. For instance, if it could be said worth. For instance, if it could be said ments to make Chief Clarke will be glad to hear it. of anybody that he is a compound result of Swinburne, Tennyson and Longfellow, his case must be hopeless; for if the poets his case must be hopeless; for if the poets in question were not, of course their compound had never been. Still somebody, may be curious to see what the compound; is like; and various publishers, getting wind of the matter, help it along, to the great disgust of the critics. The fact seems to be that, in literature, as in the inward life, "we are a part of all that we have seen," and especially that we have loved and admired; and it is impossible that the bookish man, who writes, should not be affected by his style by all the

CANADIAN LITERARY CRITICISM. Books he dwells upon with that tender It may properly be said that Canada is deficient in good criticism, and that such literary works as we possess have not been very adequately spoken of. So accomplished a writer, however, as Dr. George Stewart, may bring us some remedy, if has not already done so, in such articles as that on French Canadian literature, in a late periodical, (The New England Magazine) revealing an unusual mastership of the subject in hand, a fine discrimination, but almost a stiffness of restraint, as if he continually feared to overstep the bounds continually feared to overstep the bounds of prudence. Here, I think it is easy to err, and fall into the spirit of a lukewarm criticism—now too prevalent in some parts is less noble or masterful, that they gave him some of the inspiration and skill by

POEMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS."

New Brunswick. New Brunswick hills are fair to view, Its lakes and streams how grand, The waving fields of ripening corn, Are seen throughout the land.

The marsh, the trees, the winding of *K'asis lovely stream,
A picture shew that charms the heart,
Like pleasant, lovely dream.

The varied scenes of hill and vale, That bound thy shores, St. John, Enchant the eye, with rapture fill, All those who sail thereon,

The Jemseg's deep and narrow way, Abounds in rural charms, Of lovely tree, and quiet nook And sloping fertile farms. •

It leads to lake of grand extent, Where mines of coal abound, And gardens yielding rich produce. Beside its shores are found. Unnumbered lakes of beauty rare, Where sportsmen ply their skill, Surround our homes on every hand Adorning dale and hill.

With finny treasure in her bays, And plenty on the main, In peaceful, free and happy homes, Her hardy sons sustain.

In forests fair to view, are seen, Great wealth of various wood; To meet the numerous wants of man; For commerce, fire and food,

Her ships sail over every sea, Are found in every clime, For strength and beauty unsurpassed; In sailing "up to time."

To keep our homes, to guard or Firmly, whate'er befall. Her daughters fair, as fair can be, Brighten this pleasant land, Of tender heart and cheerful mien, And thrifty, skillful hand.

The Sabbath day is honored here; To God, we bow our knee; His word we read, His name we praise

A woman who added one miracle more To the list that the mothers in Israel count o'er

CHATS WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

place in the waste basket this week, because the writers have neglected to send their names with them. People who insist upon this course are simply

wasting paper and postage.
FELIX.—The contest that your inquire about will probably be open for some time. Publishers do not ush them as a rule, but it would be better to write and inquire.

FAIR PLAY.—Though yours was not a society

PERTINENT PERSONAL.

THOMAS R. ON THE BENCH HE HAS A LIVELY DAY AT THE POLICE COURT.

Drunks, Pugilists, Children in Knicker-bockers, and Women with Colored Eyes and Striking Attitudes Appear Before Him—An Elephant on His Hands.

Quite a number of persons found the police station an attractive spot Wednesday morning. Something of interest could be found everywhere. The number of spectators was large, the legal profession well represented, and there were enough officials with and without uniforms for all purposes. And Hon. Thomas R. Jones was the pre-

He was kept busy all the morning, and if he did seem tired about noon, it was not for want of variety in the proceedings. For he had prisoners of all kinds to deal with. On the bench was a rather hard looking collection, some charged with being drunk, and others with fighting. They were easily desposed of, and it their looks were against them they proved to be more conscientious than some well dressed and better appearing people who took the stand later on, and made statements so contradictory that the spectators were

Then there were prisoners, and lots of them, that made the guardroom look more like a school-yard than anything else; prisoners in knickerbockers, who lounged about the room, laughing, talking and making themselves perfectly at home; prisoner only knee high that were brought to court a hold of their mothers' hands, and hadn't yet mastered the art of walking down stairs. And these prisoners proved large sized elephants on the hands of the court. It did not know what to do with them. Chief Clarke told of the offences committed by these youngsters; how they had been around back yards and places stealing all they could get their hands on, and had proved more troublesome to the police than anything else they had to deal with.

The magistrate was fully aware of this but was at a loss to know what to do with them. It very forcibly reminded him of fact that for 20 years he had done all he could to have a provincial retormatory for such criminals as these, but had not been successful. What could he do with them? They were mere children, six and seven years of age, and he couldn't send them to came out. If on the other hand they were placed in a reformatory and made work,

they might become useful citizens. The prisoners were not in court. They were down in the guard room, apparently having an awfully good time. As to their being put in a reformatory, some of them would have to have somebody to undress them and rock them to sleep every night. The court was very much like the man who bought the elephant. When the prisoners e secured it had no place to keep them. If these youngsters are let loose in the streets again most everybody can afford to smoke cigars. They sell them at the remarkably low figure of 50 for eight cents, and when captured had hundreds of them that they were unable to dispose of at this

In the afternoon all the youngsters were marched upstairs and arranged in a row on the bench. There were ten of them, and it was evident that they had an idea that the court had no place to put them, for such giggling youngsters never sat before a judge. With their hats in their hands. they nudged each other and seemed to The magistrate apparently did not know what to make of it, when he saw the little fellows in their blouses and large sailor collars, some of them brought in by their Then when their names were called out. and they stood up, the smaller ones were Queen's University. invisible to the magistrate, and Detective Ring had to point to the spot where they were standing, to give him some idea as to where he could address his remarks.

The magistrate repeated his address of the morning, and tried to impress upon the boys the danger they would be in if they kept on in their thieving career, but he n saw that they failed to be impressed. They were too young to understand what he was saying. The magistrate then he was saying. The magistrate then turned his attention to the parents present, and gave them some advice as to the care of children, after which he dismissed all the boys with the exception of two, who were old enough to know better and had encouraged the smaller ones in their pilfering. After promising them a long term in jail if they ever appeared before him these were let go also.

Dear Bro.: Fain would we meet you, glad would we greet you, at our association. Soon comes hove the weather, and roads hold together, the rethren must not disappoint us; for he-yf-di's able at each bountiful table, with the pure oil of love to anoint us. So, for the 'sociation, pray make calculation, and of your brothers be heedful; and the half we call better, if she can come, why, let her—for our wives and our sisters are needful.

Two women from Brussels street furnished a lot of amusement for the court and spectators before the boys came up. One of them had a black eye, which she said was due to the lively use of the defendant's fist. She gave a very graphic account of the affair, and gave so many illustrations of the manner in which the defendant dealt the fatal "thump," as she called it, that when she brought her fist to say that the number of those who purcalled it, that when she brought her fist down on the railing of the witness box the magistrate was forced to remark that he had that down, whereupon there was a rather audible titter from all parts of the

room. It was a very mixed up case. The motions of the plaintiff and the appealing and incredulous looks she bestowed upon Sergt. Owens as the witnesses for the de dense gave their evidence was a great piece of acting, while the devotional attitude she struck when the magistrate said that one was as bad as the other and dismissed the case, would have made an elegant picture for a stained glass church window.

A NOTE TO THE GIRLS.

'Astra's" Lament at the Task Assigned to

Sorrow and tribulation unutterable have overtaken your devoted friend "Astra." girls. And this is the way it happened The editor of Progress descended upon her head like a wolf on the fold and dis-turbed the peaceful calm in which her days were spent, with the following ann

"Do you know, Astra, that there is an awful accumulation of unanswered letters lying around this office?" I felt sure of it but I scented danger in the middle distance; the chiaroscuro of trouble wavered is the air, so I said with an affectation of deepest

surprise.
"No? Are there really?"

"Yes," he said crisply, "There are, and what is more, they have got to be answered and you are the person to do it." I didn't think so, but "it wasn't for me to contradict," as Mark Twain would say, and the editor proceeded.

"There are letters asking questions on every imaginable subject, and most of the said subjects are entirely out of the line of the male portion of humanity, so we will start an "Answers to Correspondents" col-umn, and you will have to take charge of begin next. Good morning," and he wa

Now girls what am I going to do about it? There is no use in protesting, "physicians are in vain," so I suppose I must do it. Only! as you love me questions about things I don't understand please, and between this week and next "priez pour elle."

The Atlantic Monthly for November is as usual rich in literary attractions. First comes an instalment of Frank H. Stockton's new serial, "The House of Martha," years of age, and he conduct send to the jail was solved by a delightful dreamy sea study no place for such offenders. After serving a term among more hardened criminals, Realm," by Edith M. Thomas. A gem worse than ever when they of purest water in two verses, by A. R. Grote, called, "The Hidden Grave." clever sketch by Francis C. Lowell, called "A successful Highwayman of the Middle Ages." A bright and readable chapter or "Maryland Women and French Officers' by Kate Mason Rowland. Oliver Wendell Homes' charming "Over the Teacups," being a writer's thoughts on writing, and containing a warm eulogy of the stylographic pen as a medium of composition. "The Legend of Willam Tell," by W. D. Mc-Crackin. "Christ in Recent Fiction;" "The Contributors' Club," and "Books of the Month;" besides an instalment of "Felicia." Fanny M. D. Murfree's serial story, "Maryland Women and French Officers" is an amusing sketch of society at the time of the revolution

The New England Magazine is making itself very attractive to Canadian readers. Its September number was pre-eminent ly a Canadian number, and terest which that number aroused will be held by the fully illustrated article in the new November number, on "Fifty Years of a Canadian University," by J. J. Bell, M. A. Queen's University, Kingston, consider the whole affair a huge joke. which celebrated last year its fiftieth anniversary, is the subject of this article, which is enriched by pictures of the old and new homes of the university, a view of Kingston, and portraits of Chancellor Fleming, Prinparents and litted on the bench, where they swung their short legs to and fro.

It is an article which will have interest to many in Canada besides the graduates of

> The Doll Had a Na art little girl has a stick of wood dressed in doll-clothes.
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> Mother of Smart Little Girl—Is that an effigy? Smart Little Girl-Yes, that is Effle G. No

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he pasture on a wet day:
Boggs—See, there's a caw-kus.
Noggs—Hum. Maybe it's a crow-kus.

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