

## THE POLICE BOARD SHOULD PROBE THE CHARGES TO THE BOTTOM.

It is to be hoped and expected that the Board of Police Commissioners will probe the charges against the captain in the Northwestern district to the bottom. The position of police captain is an important one—one that concerns the entire community. Even a suspicion that lawbreakers are protected by the chief police officer of a district must demoralize the service and destroy its efficiency. There can be no efficient police work if one of the captains is thought to be subject to evil influences or have his eyes blinded by self-interest. The suspicion of such a thing is sufficient to destroy the confidence of the community in those who are employed for its protection and should not be permitted to rest upon any official. There should be a searching inquiry by the board, and if the complaint against Captain Ward is found to be without justification he should be relieved from any suspicion as quickly as possible. If he should, unhappily, be convicted of so serious an offense as the protection of lawbreakers and of making it difficult for the men under him to do their duty, he should not only be removed from the responsible place he occupies, but dismissed from the force and subjected to all the penalties in such case made and provided by law.



## A MEMORIAL OF A GREAT JUDGE.

The presentation of a portrait of the late Chief Justice McSherry to the Court of Appeals by the State Bar Association was an appropriate and graceful act. From the organization of the Bar Association down to the time of his death Judge McSherry was one of its leading and most inspiring members, and contributed largely to its influence and usefulness to the State. It was, therefore, most appropriate that this gift should have been made to the court.

"In these days of unrest," said Colonel McIntosh, the president of the Bar Association, in his presentation speech, "when radical changes of government, State as well as municipal, are in the air and it is proposed to administer law through new and unknown channels, we shall more than ever feel the absence of the luminous intellect and the robust common sense of him whose loss we mourn."

Chief Justice McSherry was a great judge and a clear thinker. His service to the State is worthy of everlasting remembrance, for the value of a learned and just judge is without measure.

It is to be hoped that the placing of this portrait in the Court of Appeals is but the beginning. The chamber and the consultation room might well be embellished with the portraits of the great men who have been members of this ancient and illustrious court:

