

DUNCAN MCGREGGER THOMSON, "44", Clerk, Windmill Cottage, Castle Street, Broughty Ferry, states:-

I am a checking clerk at the Dundee Harbour. My work is checking goods discharged from vessels. I was in company with James Seaton, checking clerk, 4 Derby Place, On either Tuesday, 22nd, or Wednesday, 23rd, October 1912, about 5-30 p.m., we joined the car at the Burgh boundary for home. We went up on the top of the car and sat on the front seat on the north or left side. On the opposite side, on the front seat, Miss Milne and a gentleman were sitting. On the way down I was surprised at the way Miss Milne was carrying on with the gentleman, by her talk to him. I could not make out all their talk, but Miss Milne was always addressing the gentleman "Yes, dear" and "Yes, pet". It was the frequent repetition of these phrases that took my attention in particular. Miss Milne was always looking at him. They came on past Ellieslea Road and Grove Road. They were disappointed at the conductor not coming up to tell them when at Ellieslea Road. After they were past Ellieslea Road they seemed to know they were past that point. Miss Milne mentioned they would go on to Windsor Terrace. When the car started from the junction of Clay: pots Road and Queen Street, the gentleman volunteered to go down and ask the conductor where they would come off. He went down to the conductor, and after reaching Church Street he came running up the stair and opened the door, shouting in "Come on, Jean". Miss Milne got up and went down the stair. That was the last I saw of them. The way I fix the date is that on 14th October 1912 the S.S. "Killin" began to discharge her cargo on that date, and I was working the whole of that week checking the cargo discharged, till Saturday, 19th October 1912, and during the whole of that week Mr Seaton and I walked up and down to and from our work. Between night of 18th and morning of 19th October, fire broke out on board the S.S. "Killin". On Monday, 21st October 1912, Mr Seaton and I travelled to and from our work by car. The man was of the following description:- A stout gentleman; between 60 & 65 years /

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years of age; 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height; gray hair, cut close; close cut beard & moustache; fresh complexion; high coloured; dressed in black overcoat, reaching below his knees; could not say colour of trousers, but suit was of a dark cloth; black round hat; white collar; no gloves; spoke with an English accent.

I have known Miss Milne ^{well} for a number of years. I am quite sure it was her. My companion, Mr Seaton, did not know Miss Milne.

SOPHIA BALD, "40", at home, residing at Cairneymount, Grove Road, Broughty Ferry, states:-

On the evening of Wednesday, 16th October 1912, between 8 & 9 p.m., I came out of our house to see a friend on the Car. I went the length of Ellieslea Road with her. My brother and his wife were out for a walk, and I was to go along to my brother at 5 Duntrune Terrace. While going along Strathern Road, and when at the back of Miss Milne's, of Elmgrove, garden, I met my brother and his wife. I thought I saw light in Miss Milne's house upstairs. My brother mentioned the Car with the glaring lights, which was between our back gate and the top of Grove Road, in Grove Road. My brother and I noticed there was no one in charge of the Motor Car. I do not know when the car left, but it was there for a considerable time,- it being there when I came out of our house with my friend to go on the car. On 19th September 1912 I was in Edinburgh attending a meeting of the shareholders of the North British Railway Co. Mrs Marshall, St. Helens, Mount Pleasance, Newburgh-on-Tay, was in company with me. About 4-25 p.m., we were in the Waverley Station, and saw Miss Milne on the railway platform. Before she came up to us she turned and went away back. Mrs Marshall gave me a nudge and laughed, remarking "She is not coming with our train". We saw no more of her. She may have joined the train after that, but we did not see her again.

DOROTHY MARION STONE, "20", of no occupation, 7 Louise Terrace, Grove Road, Broughty Ferry, states:-

I find from a diary, which my sister Bessie keeps daily, that I was in Dundee on Tuesday, 15th October 1912, during the afternoon. Shortly after 4 p.m., I was going west Meadowside. I would be near the west end of the Albert Institute. I saw Miss Milne coming eastwards on the footpath on the south side of the road, just at Lamb's Hotel. She skipped round the corner, as if in a hurry, into Reform Street. When I reached the top of Reform Street I looked down Reform Street, but could not see Miss Milne. I thought that probably she had gone into Lamb's Hotel or some shop. I am sure it was about 4 p.m. I knew Miss Milne well by sight.

*Additional statement by above witness,
handed to Procurator Fiscal on 6th Dec. 1912.*

On Wednesday, 27th November 1912, I was requested to call at the Police Office for the purpose of being shown the clothing that the deceased Miss Milne was wearing when I saw her in Dundee on 15th October 1912. I went to the Police Office, and Sergt. Forbes showed me a blue cloak, now produced, and I identified it as being the one the deceased Miss Milne was wearing on 15th October 1912 when I saw her turning down Reform Street, Dundee. I was not able to identify the hat produced.

WILLIAM BOYD, "39", Wholesale Confectioner, residing at Claremont, Strathern Road, Broughty Ferry, states:-

I am Managing Director to Messrs James Keiller & Son, Ltd., Wholesale Confectioners, Dundee. I went to Dunblane for the week end on Saturday, 2nd November 1912, and returned to Dundee on the morning of Monday, 4th. I think it was the same day as I returned, although it may have been the following day, about 11 a.m., that a message was brought to me in the factory to the effect that a gentleman from Canada wished to see me, as he had a message to deliver to me from a friend of mine in Canada. I went through to my office and found that the stranger had already been shown in there and was seated beside the Secretary of the Firm (Mr Agnew), who was working at his desk. I went up to the stranger and asked his name. I am a little deaf, but I think he gave the name of "Bostall". I said to him "I believe you have a message for me from a friend in Canada; is that friend Mr Robert: :son?" He replied "No". I then asked him what the message was, and he said that it was private and that he desired to see me alone. I therefore asked Mr Agnew if he would kindly leave the room for a few minutes, which he did, and then I asked the stranger who the message was from, when he replied "From Mr Cowan". I told him I did not know any gentleman in Canada of that name, and I asked him what line of business Mr Cowan was in. He replied "In a fairly large way of business", but did not say what sort of business. I said "I think there must be some mistake, but if you will now give me the message perhaps that will show more light on the matter". He replied "Oh, there is no message; he just asked me to call on you". My suspicions became aroused, and I began to ask about himself,- what he was doing in Scotland, how long he was to stay, whether he was on business, &c. The only reply he would give to this, was that he was a medical man. I asked him where Mr Cowan said he had met me, and he replied, after hesitating a little, "On a fishing expedition". I told him I was sure that was /

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was not the case. Then he excused himself and wanted to go, saying "I have evidently made a mistake, as the gentleman I expected to see was a gentleman with a black moustache". Then he hurried out. I thought little of the matter at the time, except that it was a curious interview. My house at Broughty Ferry is situated in Strathern Road within 100 yards west from Elmgrove. My caller said he came from Canada, but he spoke with a pronounced foreign accent.

His description is as follows:- About 45 years of age; 5 ft 10½ ins. or thereby in height, including boots; slender build; dark fresh complexion; longish face; dark eyes; fairly heavy moustache, cut at ends, and had the habit of stroking it with his hand; dark brown hair, thinks turning slightly grey; very respectably dressed in a dark morning coat, with trousers to match, although not quite so dark; thinks light vest; coat (thinks a waterproof) over his arm; tile hat; collar and tie; white shirt; boots unnoticed.

I am sure none of the photographs shown to me is that of the man who called on me.

JOHN THOMSON TRENCH, Lieutenant, Criminal Investigation Department,
Glasgow, says:-

On Monday, 4th November 1912 I was instructed by Chief Constable Stevenson, of the Glasgow Police, to proceed to Broughty Ferry to assist the local Police in connection with the murder of Miss Jean Milne, of Elmgrove, Broughty Ferry. I left Glasgow by the 2 p.m. train for Dundee, and on arrival in Dundee I was met at the station by Chief Constable Sempill, of Broughty Ferry. The same evening, accompanied by Mr Sempill, I visited Elmgrove, the house of the deceased lady. The house is a large mansion house, surrounded by about two acres of ground. The main entrance is from Grove Road, and there is a short avenue leading up to the house. The house itself is surrounded by trees and shrubs, and there is an extensive orchard at the back of the house, with conservatory, fern-house and vinery. In ordinary circumstances the house would require a staff of at least three servants, and the ground would require to be attended by a gardener with an assistant. I observed that there is ~~twelve~~¹⁵ chimney cans on the house, and should think there ~~is from 14 to 16~~^{is from 14 to 16} different apartments therein. The grounds of the house were practically a wilderness. The orchard and the out-houses were all practically in a state of ruin, - all showing signs of years of neglect. On Tuesday, 5th November, accompanied by Chief Constable Sempill and Sergt. Forbes, of the local Police, I made a thorough examination of the grounds and the exterior of the house. From my examination I am thoroughly satisfied that the person who committed the murder entered by the front or main door leading to the house. I carefully examined all the windows and back doors leading into the house, and am satisfied that none of them has been opened for years; in fact it would be utterly impossible to open many of the windows unless by breaking or forcing the sash with some instrument. On entering the house I saw the coffin containing the body of the deceased lady, in one of the rooms. Mr Sempill and Sergt. Forbes explained fully to me the position in which the body was found, and the places where the numerous productions in the case were found. I carefully examined the surroundings /

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surroundings of the scene of the crime, which undoubtedly had been committed in the hall of the house at the foot of the stairs leading to the upper apartment. The hall and the stairs were heavily carpeted. I observed on the third step from the hall floor a large splotch of blood; and on the sides of the stair railings at the foot of the stair and on the wall to the right of the stairs were traces of blood, as if the deceased lady had been knocked down on the steps, and, struggling to rise, her blood-stained clothing had come in contact with the stair railing. I found blood-stained hairs adhering to the railings. On the hall floor near to the foot of the stairs were three large stains of blood. I observed lying on the hall floor near to the scene of the crime, two pieces of false hair, such as is used by ladies in decorating their hair. The hair was of a dull golden colour, and similar to the hairs I had found adhering to the stair railing. I carefully examined the scene of the tragedy for marks of finger-prints, but although I found many traces of blood I was unable to find anything that might be useful in the nature of a finger-print at the scene of the tragedy. Chief Constable Sempill and I made a thorough examination of the various apartments of the house and took possession of a large quantity of correspondence. I was shown a broken poker which had been found at the scene of the tragedy. The poker is an ordinary cast metal poker, about 13 inches long, with a round metal head. It had broken about half an inch from the head, and both parts were blood-stained. I was also shown the deceased lady's clothing, which was considerably blood-stained. I was informed that the result of the post-mortem examination showed that death was due to shock and haemorrhage, probably caused by the succession of blows to the head of the deceased lady, by the poker which was found at the scene of the crime. I was also shown a carving fork, which, I understand, was found near the body of the deceased lady. The carving fork has a white bone handle, and the prongs are about three inches in length, tapering outwards, and the fork has the usual steel guard at the back. On examining the pantry attached /

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attached to the kitchen I found the imprint of three fingers on a piece of paper near the sink, where a blood-stained towel was found, and where it is thought the murderer washed his hands. These were despatched to Scotland Yard, but were too blurred to be of any service for identification purposes. Chief Constable Sempill and I made an exhaustive examination of the deceased's correspondence, which, however, did not throw any light on the tragedy. The deceased lady appears to have been an eccentric person. Her correspondence all goes to show that she was a person, although of the age of 69, who liked people to think that gentlemen were always admiring her. She seems to have been of a religious turn of mind, and her correspondence for the last 50 years, which was found in the house, shows that she has led a clean life. Her correspondence with other people, who have all been interviewed and whose statements are all in the possession of Chief Constable Sempill, show that she was a lady who took a deep interest in matters relating to church affairs. She seems to have contributed freely to various church funds. The house, with the exceptions of the dining-room and the deceased lady's bed-room, showed signs of neglect; many of the rooms had evidently not been entered for years. The dining-room is a large apartment, and there is a large table which was littered with books and papers of every description, therein. I saw numerous valuable articles lying open on the dining-room table, and although the room was in a very untidy condition, it did not appear to have been ransacked. I noticed that there was no poker in the dining-room, and I observed in several of the rooms a poker similar to the one with which the deceased lady had been assaulted, one of which is produced, and I assume that the poker with which the lady was assaulted was taken from the dining-room fire-place. In the middle drawer in the dining-room Sergt. Forbes and I found a white handled carving knife and steel, which are undoubtedly the companions of the carving fork found near the scene of the crime. The motive for the crime is very obscure, but I am inclined to think that the motive was robbery.

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Chief Constable Sempill found in the deceased lady's bed-room a purse containing 17 sovereigns, and except for that sum, no money of any kind, with the exception of some foreign coins, was found in the house. On the dining-room table I found two small hand-bags, and in the deceased's bed-room I found another hand-bag, but in neither of them was there any money. It is remarkable that a lady who was travelling on cars and making small purchases should not have had some change about her, and although all her jewellery, so far as is known, was untouched, I am inclined to believe that robbery was the motive of the crime, and that the person who committed the crime probably got a considerable sum of money in the deceased lady's hand-bag. I have investigated numerous clues; an enormous mass of correspondence has been received from all over the country from all sorts and conditions of people; letters containing ideas, suggestions and theories have all had close attention, but all have come to nothing. I have personally interviewed the numerous witnesses who speak to having seen various men in the grounds and leaving the grounds surrounding Elmgrove, and whose statements have been supplied to the Procurator Fiscal. In conjunction with Deputy Chief Constable Davidson, of the Dundee Police, I have made many inquiries in Dundee, but all without definite result. On Monday, 18th November, Chief Constable Sempill and I had an interview with Dr. Sturrock, of Broughty Ferry, and as a result of which, on Tuesday, 19th November, the Chief Constable and I made a careful examination of the deceased lady's clothes, when we made the discovery that she had been repeatedly stabbed with the carving fork which was found near her dead body. The deceased lady's clothing consisted of a flannelette chemise, a linen chemise, three knitted spencers, a camisole or slip-body, and a common linen blouse. I found on the back of the various articles twenty punctured holes, which showed that the carving fork had been driven ten times into the deceased lady's back through her clothing; on the right breast there was eight punctured holes, showing that the fork had been driven four times into her right breast; on the right wrist /

wrist was two punctured holes, and on the left breast, just over the heart, was two punctured holes, where the fork had been driven in. The flannelette chemise, which evidently had been next to the deceased lady's skin, showed traces of blood having oozed from the wounds. On this discovery being made, Chief Constable Sempill immediately communicated with the Procurator Fiscal, and the same evening we had a meeting with the Fiscal, Dr. Sturrock and Dr. Templeman. While keeping an open mind in the murder, I incline strongly to the theory that robbery was the motive of the crime, and that probably the person who committed it had slipped into the house by the front door while Miss Milne was in the grounds collecting roses and pieces of holly to decorate the dining-room table, as numerous dishes on the table contained roses and other flowers, and that probably Miss Milne, on coming into the house, discovered the person in the dining-room and threatened to telephone for the Police, when her assailant seized the carving fork, which may have been lying on the side-board, or the drawer may have been open a little, showing the weapon, and drove it repeatedly into her back, and as she spun round drove it into her body, as shown by the various punctures in her clothing, finishing his ghastly work by battering her head with the poker. The two curtain cords with which the deceased lady's legs were tied undoubtedly came from the curtains hanging in the lobby leading to the hall. I examined the whole of the house, but could find nothing like them in any of the various apartments. The explanation of one of the curtain cords being found half way up the stairs may be explained by assuming that the deceased had run partly up the stairs, pursued by her assailant, whose intention may have been to tie her up, and that, in the struggle with her assailant, he may have propped one of the cords where it was found on the stair. There is no doubt that the deceased lady had made a desperate fight with her assailant, and that her murder was of a particularly brutal nature, such as might have been committed by a maniac or a foreigner.

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On 13th November 1912 I received from Chief Constable Sempill, London, a photograph of Charles Warner, and the following day I showed the photograph, along with a number of others, to the witnesses Wood, Don, Miss Campbell, two Miss McIntoshs and others. The witnesses unhesitatingly picked out the man Warner as strongly resembling the man seen by them in the vicinity of Elmgrove, and as a result of a further communication from the Chief Constable, I on Friday, ~~15th~~^{22nd} November, despatched the witnesses Wood, Don, girl Campbell and two Miss McIntoshs to London. On Sunday, 24th November I secured a Warrant from the Sheriff's Fiscal, Dundee, for the apprehension of Charles Warner on a charge of Murder, and the same evening I went to London, being met the following morning (Monday, 25th November) at King's Cross railway station, London, by Chief Constable Sempill. The same day Chief Constable and I proceeded to Maidstone, Kent, where, in the prison there, we apprehended Warner on a charge of Murder. Warner was carefully cautioned by Chief Constable Sempill, and the charge was read to him. He denied the charge and said that he had never been in Scotland in his life. On the same day we took Warner to Canning Row Police Station, where he was detained till 26th inst., and on that date we left London by the 8 p.m. train for Dundee, having Warner in custody. We reached Dundee at 5-20 a.m. on 27th November, where he was detained in the lock-up cells at Dundee Police Office. After being cautioned, Warner made many statements as to his whereabouts during the months of August, September, October and November. He claims to be a Canadian, but I am of opinion that he is an American. He is a man of considerably intelligence and is well educated, but at the same time he is a man who can be very, very coarse and vulgar. He has evidently travelled a lot, and claims to have been practically all over the world. He says he has fought in the South African and Cuban-American war; claims to be a great Free Mason, which he, at every opportunity, talks about; sneers at everything British, professing to have a great contempt for British Institutions /

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Institutions and methods. He says he is 41 years of age, but looks at least 50. He has four gold teeth in the upper jaw, and has a particularly repulsive face. He seems to be a man with a good knowledge of prison discipline, particularly of French and American prison methods. He states that he has stayed in various hotels on the Continent and in London, and professes to have been at one time in possession of considerable wealth. He struck me as a man who is undoubtedly an accomplished adventurer, and I should not be surprised to learn that he is a man who has done many terms of imprisonment in the Continent or in America. I have no hesitation in saying that he has all the peculiarities of an accomplished American crook. In conversation with him he made no secret of his knowledge of many notorious London and American thieves and adventurers, such as Eddy Guerin, the Bevil's Isle prisoner, who is a notorious hotel jewel thief; May Churchill, who is another American notorious thief; a man named Swennie, and several other men, all well-known to the Criminal Investigation Department, Scotland Yard. While conveying Warner in the train between London and Dundee, he talked incessantly practically all the way. He talked on nearly every subject, - about crime and criminals, about murders and about the American Police system, particularly mentioning the third degree, but what struck me as very peculiar was the fact that although he knew that he was arrested on a charge of murdering Miss Jean Milne, of Elmgrove, Broughty Ferry, and professed never to have seen the lady nor to have been in Scotland in his life, he never at any time asked any question as to the nature of the crime, or the reason thereof. He severely criticised the various witnesses who had identified him as having been seen in the vicinity of Elmgrove, and stated that he had been under a great strain in connection with the charge on which he was arrested. He admitted that he was to blame a great deal for not having told his whereabouts when requested to do so, in the month of October. Warner struck me as a particularly bad man, and one who, I have no hesitation in saying, would commit any crime. On several occasions he referred to his conviction at Tonbridge /

Tonbridge, and seemed to have a very attentive memory as to the names of the witnesses who had given evidence against him there. He criticised all their evidence, making them out to have been liars, calling them all sorts of vile names, such as "sons of bitches" and various other expressions, mentioning particularly that if he had some of them in America he would blow their guts out, and so on. When nearing Dundee he particularly showed his badness and was very offensive and nasty towards Mr Sempill, remarking that if ^{it cost} he crossed him the best years of his life, he would be even with him for having brought him to his present pitch.

While at Maidstone we received from the Governor of the Prison a Draft for £10:4/1, which had arrived there from America for the prisoner. That Draft we cashed at Lloyd's Bank, Maidstone, the money being handed to the prisoner on his arrival at Dundee.

While in London I made numerous inquiries on 26th November regarding the prisoner's movements there, and as will be seen from the various statements, he has taken numerous aliases, such as "Charles Stanley Walker", which he says is his proper name; "Tommy Walker"; "C.S. Ware"; "R.A. Hart", of Liverpool. From the Court books of Vine Street Police Station, London, I ascertained that the prisoner, under the name of Charles Stanley Walker, of 30 Waterloo Road, Lambeth, 41 years of age and designed as a company promoter, was arrested on 28th August 1912 by P.C. William Amner, 26 C.R., for being drunk in the Falcon public house, Wardour Street, and on the following day (29th August) was fined 10/- or 7 days.

Prisoner told me that he is a salesman in the drapery line, but he has evidently passed himself off as of numerous professions, such as company promoter, &c.

JOHN ROBERTSON, "57", says:-

I am Head Warder in H.M. Prison, Dundee. On Friday, 29th November 1912 about 3 p.m., I placed the prisoner Warner amongst 14 other men of various ages and descriptions. He was allowed to take up any position he liked amongst the group of men, and his position was occasionally changed during the identification proceedings. The witnesses were brought in one by one, and after having seen the men they were let out of the Prison grounds by another entrance, so that they had no chance of communicating with any of the other witnesses before they had had an opportunity of seeing the men. The witnesses were told to look at the group of men, and to say whether they saw any person in the group that they had seen before, and if so, they were to touch that person. The witness Malcolm, without hesitation, identified the accused Warner by placing his hand on him. The accused said to Malcolm "Where did you see me?" and Malcolm replied "I saw you in the car coming from Broughty Ferry at half past five a.m., on Wednesday, 16th October". The boy Potter, who was wearing a kilt, also placed his hand on the accused Warner's shoulder, and the accused also asked him where he had seen him, and the boy replied "I saw you in Grove Road". Several of the other witnesses appeared to hesitate, but none of them positively identified any other person in the group. The identification proceedings were conducted with the utmost fairness, there being present the Governor of the Prison, - Mr Crow, myself, and the prisoner's agent, - Mr Blackadder. No Police Officials were present, and Chief Constable Sempill and Lieut. Trench took no part in the proceedings.

MARGARET SAMPSON, of independent means, residing at 2 Blackness Crescent, Dundee, states:-

I had known Miss Milne for many years, but we did not keep up continual acquaintanceship. For the past few years, however, the friendship was renewed. Between the latter part of the year 1911, and April of this year, she sent me a good many letters, some of which enclosed tickets for Geographical Society Lectures, and these communications were always sent from the Bonnington Hotel, London. In the Spring of this year,- I think April,- my sister and I met her in Perth Road near to Messrs J. & J. Gray's; we were going in Town, and she turned and walked with us. She told us that she had just returned from London, where she had made the acquaintance of the very nicest man she had ever met in her life,- a cultured, scholarly, colleged man, neither English nor Scotch. She further said that he wanted to come to Elmgrove and pay his respects to her. She said, however, she wasn't prepared to receive his visit to Elmgrove in the meantime. We had now reached High Street, and after some further conversation she left us to board the car for the Ferry, saying she was all packed and going back to London. I remember I said to her "He must be very attractive when you cannot stay away from London from him", and she replied "Oh, but he isn't in London just now". She was tremendously excited, talking and giggling shrilly about the man, so much so that people were turning round to look at her, and we were relieved when she left us, and we remarked to each other "poor thing! she is insane". I remember on that occasion she spoke about a very nice young lady she had met in the Bonnington Hotel. Some short time after this meeting I received a letter from her from the Grand Palace Hotel, London, in which she told me of her safe journey to London, and mentioned that the same young lady of whom she had been speaking to me, was there to meet her at the station when she arrived. The next communications I received from her were three Post Cards,- one from Portree dated September the 1st and postmarked September the 3rd; the next written on Saturday at Oban and postmarked September the 21st; and the third written on the /

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the following Monday at Fort Augustus, but the post date is indecipherable. The British Association Meetings were held in Dundee from 4th to 11th September, and several different friends, knowing that we were interested in Miss Milne, informed us that they had seen her at various meetings of said Association, and that she was looking very nice. Between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, 14th October 1912, my sister and I met Miss Milne in Nethergate near Park Place; we were going east and she west. We stopped and spoke, and she told us she was going to a Home Mission meeting in McCheyne Church Hall, and asked us to accompany her there. We, however, had another engagement, which prevented us from doing so. I remember in the course of our conversation saying to her "You must have been twice on the west coast this summer, as we got a card from you on 1st September, and we then heard that you had been at the British Association Meetings". She seemed to be taken aback, gave a start and stopped speaking for a moment, and the next thing she said was, showing a stone fixed in the lace scarf of her dress, - "I got this cairngorm in Inverness; it is a very fine one", and she also said "I have got a new ring I would like to show you", and began to unfasten her glove, but changed her mind and said "Oh, you will see it another time". We asked her to come across to our house and take tea when the meeting came out, and she said "Yes I will", but then seemed to change her mind and said "No, don't expect me". We parted, and after my sister and I had transacted our business we came home and prepared tea in case Miss Milne might change her mind again and come over to us. However, we watched from our window, saw her come out of the meeting between 4 & 5 o'clock and proceed eastwards along Perth Road towards the City. She was alone. I never saw her again. On forenoon of Monday, 25th November 1912, I made the foregoing statement to Depute Chief Constable Davidson, and described to him the hat, coat and jewellery which she wore. The jewellery was fixed in a lace scarf from the neck downwards, and consisted of a pearl spray brooch, a pendant or brooch with little green stone, to match a pair of earrings with green stones, which she /

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she was wearing. The set seemed like new. Beneath the pendant or brooch was the cairngorm already mentioned, and below the cairngorm again, was a large gold brooch. She wore light coloured gloves, but, as I have already said, she did not take them off, so that I did not see the rings on her naked fingers, but observed through the gloves that she had several on. She wore a long gold chain round her neck, and also a white ermine tie. She carried a tortoise: shell lorgnette, with which she occasionally tapped her cheek when speaking. She also wore spectacles, and my sister and I remarked upon the apparent eccentricity of her using a lorgnette and spect: acles as well. She also wore a dark veil, which seemed too scant, as she was always pulling it down at her chin. On same afternoon (Monday, the 25th November 1912) we accompanied Mr Davidson to Broughty Ferry Police Office, where we were shown and identified the hat and coat, the spray earrings, cairngorm, large brooch, long chain and lace scarf, as the articles which she was wearing on Monday, 14th October 1912, but the pendant or brooch to match the earrings already mentioned, was amissing; so also are the spectacles. On following afternoon (Tuesday, 26th November 1912) Mr Davidson called at our house and showed us a pair of gloves, which we identi: fied as having been worn by Miss Milne on said 14th October. A friend of ours, whose name we are not at liberty to divulge, informed us that she sat on the seat immediately behind Miss Milne at the Home Mission Meeting in the McCheyne Church Hall on the 14th October, and that she (Miss Milne) had a book with her, titled St. Francis De Assisi.

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MARY SAMPSON, of independent means, 2 Blackness Crescent, Dundee, sister of the said Margaret Sampson, corroborates her statement in full.

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NOTE.-The above statements were made to Mr Davidson, Depute Chief Constable, on the strict understanding that the names of those ladies would not be made public.

JAMES DELANEY, "29", Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist in Sub Post Office, Broughty Ferry, residing at 45 Fort Street, Broughty Ferry, says:-

On 7th October 1912 Miss Milne, Elmgrove, said to me on the 'phone "I have now returned home and you might send my letters as usual". Mr Smeaton, Postmaster, left for a week's holidays on 14th October 1912, and on that date I took up his duties. I think it was, - but am almost sure, - on 11th October 1912 about 5-45 p.m., I was off duty but came to the Post Office for the purpose of seeing Mr Smeaton. I was at the door between the sorting office and the public counter, when Miss Liddell came from the public counter and asked where Elmgrove was. I do not know who replied to Miss Liddell, but I think Thomas Smeaton and Mr Smeaton, Postmaster, both replied. It was the request that a man wanted to be directed to Elmgrove that made me look at the man, and what struck me most was the idea of a man wearing a tile hat and badly needing a shave. He put me in mind of a broken down cabman. He was about 5 feet 10 inches in height; had an ordinary face. I only saw the man's face side on (profile). He wore a brown coat, and either the collar of his coat was turned up or he had a muffler on. I think he had a small hand-bag in his hand. I was surprised to see such a man asking for Miss Milne of Elmgrove, as the witness, postman Slidders, had been giving me some news regarding her eccentricities when I was going round with him testing the postmen's roads in July and August last.

I am quite willing to go to see the accused, but I am not sure if I will be able to identify him, but think I would if I was shown his profile,

Additional statement by above: 18th Dec. 1912.

I now correct my statement as to when I got the telephone message from the deceased Miss Milne. It must have been either on 26th or 27th September 1912, instead of on 7th October 1912 as already stated by me, when she requested me to have her letters sent up to Elmgrove, as she was now home. In consultation with the witness Slidders I find that the only time during the months of September & October 1912 that her letters were kept in the Post Office was between 20th & 26th Sept. 1912, while she was away from home. She left no address, but requested them to be kept until her return home.

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* ANNIE GALL LIDDELL, "31", Sorting Clerkess in the branch Post Office, Broughty Ferry, and residing in Hill Terrace, Broughty Ferry, states:-

About the beginning of October,- I think the correct date was Friday, 11th October, 1912,- about 5-15 p.m., a man came into the Post Office and asked if I could tell him where Blugrove was. As I did not know how to direct him I asked Mr Smeaton, sub Postmaster, and he told me it was at the top of Grove Road, and I directed the man accordingly. The man was between 30 and 40 years of age, pretty tall, and was wearing a tils hat, brown coat, and appeared to be needing a shave. The man was seen by James Delaney, Letter Sorter, and Thomas Smeaton, Postman. I had not seen the man before. He was a stranger to Broughty Ferry.

On Friday, 29th October 1912, I was shown a group of men in H.M. Prison, Dundee. I was told, if I could identify the man to put my hand on him. I thought I saw a man in the group who resembled the man very much, but as I could not be certain, I did not put my hand on him.