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Termination of Carroll County's Sensational Killing—Interesting History of the Case—Over the State.

STANTON, VA., April 28.—[Special.]—The storm cloud of dissension which has been gathering in Trinity church, Stanton, for many years, burst with furious effect Sunday at the morning service of this church.

Last week a number of prominent church members sent to the rector a communication, asking him to consider the propriety of severing his connection with Trinity church. The action of these gentlemen was not unexpected, as the matter had been much talked of throughout the town, and a large number of persons went to church expecting the rector would read the communication, which, however, he did not do, but merely stated he had received such a paper, characterizing it as most extraordinary, and then proceeded to comment on it at length, but still withholding any of its details.

THE COMMUNICATION.

Your correspondent has been furnished with a copy of the paper, which is as follows:—

Dear Sir, We, the undersigned, members of or contributors to Trinity church, do not wish you to be under any misapprehension as to our position in regard to your ministrations in this parish, and therefore submit the following:

Without reciting the many causes, all growing, as it seems to us, out of your conduct of the affairs of this parish, we are virtually deprived of church privileges.

Your presence is a hindrance and not a help to us spiritually. We are in a far worse condition than if we had no pastor; in a few words, you have reduced us to a condition, so far as our church relations are concerned, that is simply deplorable and destroying. We lower our heads in prayer, and are bound to it by ties dating far back of your acquaintance with us, and we are unalterably determined that we will not be driven from it as the remedy for the privations we now suffer. We know this is not the purpose of your coming, and remaining among us. Will you then afford us the only relief possible by leaving us to worship our God in peace and quietness, free from the perpetual unrest and unhappiness which your presence here causes? We submit this inquiry to your conscience as between you and the God whose kingdom you are supposed to desire to build up. We do not pretend to furnish here the names of all of the large number in your congregation who earnestly desire the dissolution of the relations between you and Trinity church, nor have we, for manifest reasons of propriety, asked the many ladies in the congregation who sympathize with us in the sentiments herein expressed to sign this paper.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.

Robert L. Tiley, the Slayer of Miss Louise Haynes, of Carroll County, Must Die.

HILLVILLE, VA., April 28.—[Special.]—The people of our town and, in fact, of the greater part of the whole county, have for the past week been manifesting unusual interest in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Robert L. Tiley, who has been on trial in the Circuit Court since the 21st inst., upon the charge of murder. The trial closed on Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock by the jury bringing in, after four hours' deliberation, a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. The court deferred passing sentence on the prisoner until Monday.

The counsel for the prisoner did not announce an intention to submit a motion for a new trial, but it is presumed that they will do so. The verdict seems to be generally approved, though some do not seem to think that the verdict of murder in the first degree was warranted by the evidence on the trial. The prosecution was conducted by Walter S. Tipton, Attorney for the Commonwealth, assisted by Hon. R. M. Brown, of Tullahoma City. The prisoner was very ably defended by General James A. Walker, of Westville, Va., and John Bristol, Esq., a member of the bar here. General Walker's effort on behalf of the prisoner, in a speech of three hours and twenty minutes of masterly argument of law and facts, has never been excelled in this county.

Tiley is a citizen of Surry county, N. C., and resided near Mt. Airy, N. C., in twenty-seven years of age, small of stature, black eyes and black hair.

He was indicted in the County Court at the November term, 1887, for the murder of Louise Haynes, in this county, near the North Carolina line, on the evening of November 17, 1887. Miss Haynes was about twenty-three years of age, was born and reared in this county, but had resided in the State of Kentucky some three or four years previous to her death, her father having removed to that place. Tiley had for two years previous to the murder resided in the State of Kentucky.

In returning to his old home, in company with another, in November, 1887, the prisoner passed through Bristol, Tenn., and stopping over a day, met with Miss Haynes, who decided to accompany them to the vicinity of Mt. Airy, N. C., on a visit to relatives and friends. The party started on Monday night, November 14th, and they were together every day visiting friends and relatives until Thursday evening, November 17th, at which time Miss Haynes was murdered in a wooded place, near a public road, and near the State line, by a pistol shot through the head, the ball entering the top of the skull, and passing down through the lower jaw. Her body was partly consumed by fire, supposed to have been started in the fallen leaves by her assassin for the purpose of destroying the body.

Tiley was the last person seen with the deceased, previous to the finding of the body, at a point on a public road one-half mile west, in a direct line from the point where the body was found, about 3 o'clock on the evening of that day, and was seen a short while before sunset on the same evening at a point three-fourths of a mile east of the point, on a public road leading to a great excitement and indignation was manifested by the people of the vicinity upon the finding of the body of the murdered woman, which occurred about 8 o'clock at night. Tiley was suspected of the crime, and strong threats of lynching him were made by some of the people, of which fact he received notice, and fled from the county on Friday evening.

Governor Lee offered a reward of three hundred dollars for his apprehension and apprehended in the town of Jarratt, in the State of Kentucky, and brought to this place and lodged in jail.

At the December term, 1890, of the County Court, Tiley was arraigned, and upon his arraignment demanded to be tried in the Circuit Court.

No motive is known for the cause of the murder. The evidence in the case was wholly circumstantial, of which the foregoing is a resume of the chief points.

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