SEARCHING FOR THE MURDERER'S GARMENTS.

Detectives Again Busy in Emmanuel Church.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

The Coroner's Jury Finds a Verdict Against Durrant.

HIS MOTHER'S INFORMATION.

The Afflicted Woman Thinks She Has Strong Proof of Her Son's Innocence.

Dwellers in the Mission still pass the blood-stained church on Bartlett street with a mirth-dispelling shudder, and the people upon whose homes the shadow of the tall steeple falls would gladly see grass growing high where the building stands. On the subject of removal the congregation is divided. Some declare that they will never cross its threshold again. Others think that in time all objections to using the building will be silenced. Ex-Supervisor Taber, who takes a kindly interest in the church, because some of his relatives are members of Pastor Gibson's flock, suggests that it would be advisable to demolish and reconstruct the front of the edifice and destroy the little library room in which Minnie Williams met her destroyer.

Pastor Gibson will not discuss that interesting subject or any other subject with representatives of the press. It appears that Thursday evening the clergyman made some remarks to a newspaper man which that gentleman construed as a reflection upon the honesty of members of his profession. The newspaper man was indignant, and replied in words that could not well be published. Then some one struck a blow and some one else struck back. The conflict was of short duration, and just how it resulted could not be learned yesterday, for the reporter would say nothing and the minister was suffering from nervous prostration.

The police are searching the building again.

They now think that the bloody garments of the murderer may be found between the lathing and the weatherboard of the hall. It is reported that they found something of importance shortly after noon yesterday, but they denied that they had found anything.

The inquest on the remains of Minnie Williams was concluded yesterday morning, and the jury found Durrant guilty of the murder.

MURDER IS CHARGED.

The Coroner's Jury Accuses Durrant of Killing Miss Williams.

"We, the jury, do say upon our oath that Minnie Elora Williams, age 21 years, nativity Canada, single, residence Alameda, Alameda County, State of California, found dead April 13 in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bartlett street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, city and county of San Francisco, came to her death from hemorrhage due to lacerated wounds and asphyxiation due to strangulation; and we further find, from the evidence obtained, that the murder was committed by one Theodore Durrant, and we charge him with the crime. Charles H. Dawson, foreman; Lawrence N. Green, A. H. Frank, J. P. Ruegg, N. Cohen, H. Shemanski, A. Jonas, John Teggart, Louis Markus and William Taylor."

After being out thirty minutes and once calling Coroner Hawkins into consultation the jury finally brought in the above verdict. Durrant was not there to hear it read. Toward the end of the case Coroner Hawkins called him as a witness, but on the advice of Eugene Deuprey, his counsel, he refused to be sworn. As soon as the case was given to the jury Durrant was removed by Sergeant Burke to a hack and driven to the City Prison.

The Coroner, jurors and witnesses were ready promptly at 9 A. M., but the attorneys for the prisoner were not in attendance, so Dr. Hawkins did not like to proceed. After waiting twenty-five minutes Deuprey put in an appearance, and five minutes later Durrant was brought in by Sergeant Burke and Detective Gibson.

The first witness was Dr. A. T. Vogel. He was recalled to testify in regard to the movements of Elmer A. Wolfe. He said, in substance:

I know Elmer Wolfe. He was present at a party given in my house on the 12th inst. He arrived about 8:15 P. M. He was not a member of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, but, nevertheless, he was present at the business meeting. He brought Miss Lord to the party and left with the rest shortly after 11 P. M.

Q.—Do you know where he lives? A.—I think he lives most of the time on the ranch, but his city address is 630 Twenty-third street.

Q.—Did you invite him to the party? A.—I might have invited him, but I don't remember. Any one who attends the church is welcome to come to our meetings.

Q.—Have you ever seen a bed in the church? A.—No, sir; I have not. There is a lounge in the pastor's study.

Q.—Did you see Wolfe when he arrived in company with Miss Lord? A.—I did.

Q.—Was he excited? A.—No, sir; he was not. He seemed to me to be just the same as usual.

Elmer A. Wolfe was recalled and was asked by the Coroner to give a detailed account of all his movements on that eventful Friday night. He said:

I attended the social at Dr. Vogel's house. I went there in company with Miss Lord and met my stepsister, Miss Taber, at the door and we all entered together, getting there about 20 minutes past 8. We all left about 11:30 P. M. There were five in our party, but Durrant caught up with us after we had walked a block. We walked up Howard street to Twenty-fourth and at the corner we separated, three of the party going down the street and Durrant, Miss Lord and myself going up. At the corner of Twenty-fourth and Capp streets there was another break in the party. Durrant went on up Twenty-fourth and Miss Lord and I turned down Capp. I left Miss Lord at her home and then went to my room on Twenty-third street. I changed my clothes.

Q.—Why did you change your clothes? A.—I was dressed just the same as I am now. It is my best suit, and I did not care about riding in it. Besides the suit I put on is the one I generally wear at the ranch, and the one I have on I keep in the city. After changing my clothes I went to my brother's stable to get my horse, but when I got there I suddenly remembered that I had left my horse at the blacksmith's shop on the corner of Fifteenth avenue and San Bruno road. At that time I did not know the horse cars stopped running at 10:45 P. M., so I ran to Bartlett and along that street to Twenty-third, and then to Howard. Finding the horse cars gone I took the Howard-street cable cars, transferred to the horse cars, rode to the end of the line, walked to Fifteenth avenue and San Bruno road, got my horse and rode to the ranch, arriving about 1:30 A. M. Saturday.

Q.—Why did you run down Bartlett to Twenty-third, when you could have saved a block by going down Twenty-fourth? A.—I don't know why I did it. I suppose it was because I have always been in the habit of taking the cars at the corner of Twenty-third and Howard. I did it unthinkingly, just the same as when I went to my brother's stable to get the horse.

This ended the Wolfe episode and Charles A. Dukes of North Temescal and a student at the Cooper Medical College was called to tell what he knew about the movements of Theodore Durrant. On Friday the 12th inst. he met and spoke to him at the ferries. Their talk lasted about five minutes and it was all about their school work and Durrant's trip to Mount Diablo with the signal corps. Durrant told the witness that he was waiting for some of his comrades who were to go with him on the Diablo trip.

C. W. Dodge of 825 Fourteenth street, Oakland, also met Durrant at the ferries at 3 P. M. on the 12th inst. The witness said:

He wanted to know if we had been to the hospital, and I answered "Yes." He then asked if we were going to college next day. I again said "Yes," and then he wanted to know if we would fix him on the roll. I made no promise, and then he said he was waiting for some of the boys of the signal service corps with whom he was going to Mount Diablo the next day.

Q.—What do you mean by getting his name fixed on the roll? A.—Why, to have one of the students answer his name so that he would be marked present while he was really absent.

Q.—Was he marked absent? A.—I think he was.

Q.—Was he ever marked present when he was absent? A.—Yes, sir. It was either on Friday, the 5th inst., or the following Monday. He was marked present at Dr. Hirschfelder's clinic in the City and County Hospital, when he was really absent. The clinic lasted from 10:30 to 11:30 A. M.

Q.—Was he present on the 12th inst. A.—I don't know. I paid no attention. I know absolutely nothing about the killing of Miss Williams.

Charles A. Dukes, recalled, said that Durrant told them he could not be present at school the next day, as he had to start for Mount Diablo. "He asked me to answer his name," said the witness, "and I promised him that I would."

Q.—Did you answer his name? A.—No, sir. He was marked absent.

Q.—Was he ever marked present when he was absent? A.—I understand that on a Friday or a Monday two weeks ago he was marked present when he was absent. I don't know of any other occasion, but there may have been other times, as the same thing has been done for other boys.

Frances M. Willis, 2009 Howard street, was asked if she knew C. H. Morgan of Alameda. Her answer was a decided "No."

Q.—Where were you on the afternoon of Thursday, April 11? A.—To the best of my recollection I was at my home.

Q.—When were you in Alameda last? A.—I was there on Monday, April 8, and I was there again last Tuesday.

Q.—Do you know Theodore Durrant? A.—Slightly.

Q.—Did you meet him in Alameda on Monday, April 8? A.—I went over on the 2 o'clock boat, and on the train I saw Mr. Durrant. He spoke to me, and our conversation lasted until I left the train. He told me he had taken an afternoon off from college to attend to some private business.

Q.—Do you know what that private business was? A.—I do not, but as he is a pretty good electrician, I thought it might have been that kind of work he was attending to. We talked also about a mutual friend and of the reception given to Dr. Gibson. Durrant said the new pastor was an able man and that the young people liked him very much.

In answer to a question the witness said she did not know Miss Williams and only knew of Miss Lamont. "Mr. Durrant inquired very kindly about my father's health and that finished our conversation," concluded the witness.

Q.—Where did Mr. Durrant get on the train? A.—At the Park-street station.

Dr. J. S. Barrett, the autopsy physician, testified that the death of Miss Williams resulted from asphyxiation caused by the insertion of some rags into the throat. He also found lacerated wounds on the wrist, three wounds on the breast, two wounds on the forehead a little less than an inch in length. They were superficial wounds and not serious. They were made before death. Of the wounds on the breast one pierced the heart, the second was superficial and the third pierced the chest and did not touch the heart. These were all made after death. The one that pierced the heart would have been instantly fatal had Miss Williams been alive at the time. The wounds on the wrists would have been fatal if they had not been attended to in time. This cutting was done while the girl was alive.

W. H. Theodore Durrant was the next witness called. The prisoner stood up, but on the advice of his attorney refused to be sworn. The point was not pressed.

Deputy Coroner J. L. McCormick next told all about the finding of the girl's body. He described the position in which she lay, the blood-stains on the floor, and identified the clothing of the deceased. He said there was evidence of a struggle. Hairpins from Miss Williams' hair were strewn around, her bodice was torn open, and a gas-jet was broken. The blood on the wall was in big clots, and looked as though it had been thrown there.

L. Mac Innis went to the scene of the murder with Deputy McCormick, and his testimony was practically the same.

Charles J. Noble, 209 Twenty-first street, was called, but when it was found that he is a witness in the Lamont case he was excused. That closed the taking of testimony and the case was given to the jury.

The Coroner has set Thursday next at 9 A. M. as the time on which the inquest on the remains of Blanche Lamont will begin. The jurors on the case are M. Estenbach, 205 Battery street; J. H. Newbauer, 320 Front; S. E. Newlein, 416 Front; V. J. Fell, 404 Front; Joseph Sullivan, 308 Front; H. M. Fortescue, 300 Front; H. Mohr, 218 Front; L. Harten, 216 Front; A. Birdsey, 129 California; A. Florence, 116 Front; Charles Dillon, 104 Front.

SKETCHES AT THE INQUEST.

THOUGHT IT A JOKE.

The Petition to Close Side Entrances to Churches Denounced.

The petition of Robert Briese, the saloon-keeper, who wanted all side entrances to churches closed and lounges and the like removed from the tabernacles of the city, basing his petition on the double murder in the Baptist Emmanuel Church, came up for hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the Supervisors at the City Hall yesterday.

The language of the petition was in part as follows:

In view of the heinous crimes committed in a church in this city within the past few days, we, as good and order-loving citizens, would suggest to your honorable body that it is about time to call a halt in the debasement of church edifices.

The remedy is, in our mind, that an ordinance be passed closing and forbidding all side and rear entrances to all church buildings in this city and county and to have no partitions, separate rooms or bedrooms or bed lounges in any such church building, and no person but the authorized sexton or janitor of said church to have any key to any door or entrance to the said church, front, rear or side entrance, and he, the said trustee or authorized person to be under the supervision of the police authorities at all times, who are enjoined to keep notices of the fact of the opening and closing of said churches and for what purpose.

And that the preaching of the gospel in the city and county of San Francisco be made a licensed vocation, and no minister or preacher receive a license unless he has a good and sufficient character or else the signature of twelve good citizens, taxpayers and property-owners, to that effect.

It was declared that the petition was not inspired by malice owing to the passage of the ordinance some time ago against the side-door entrances to saloons.

Robert Briese and his attorney, J. Stieglitz, appeared before the committee and urged that action in accordance with the prayer of the petition be taken. They seriously reiterated the language of the petition and then Chairman Diamond lectured the petitioners in a fatherly way.

"I had looked upon the petition as having no serious basis," he said, "and am surprised to find it seriously supported. It is ridiculous to think that because the law holds in check a certain business for good and logical reasons it should be similarly applied to any institution that has been recognized as a great moral teacher by the whole civilized world."

Mr. Briese here explained that he was a saloon-keeper, doing business at 211 Grant avenue. He said that there were no side entrances to his place, which was conducted upon a respectable basis. Attorney Stieglitz urged that all churches be only allowed one entrance, like the old Quaker meeting-houses. The petitioners looked rather disconsolate as they left the committee-room, and Supervisor Taylor moved to have the petition consigned to the wastebasket, while the following recommendation was made to the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee was surprised to find that the petitioner by himself, Briese, and his attorney, J. Stieglitz, appeared before your committee and expressed the same views as set forth in the petition. The petitioner is a saloon-keeper, and is evidently of the impression that saloons from a moral standpoint are equal to churches in inculcating lessons of morality. That such a feeling should be entertained by any of our citizens is somewhat astonishing, and can only be accounted for in that either the applicant in his youth was deprived of those teachings which inculcate morality or that in his intercourse with the world since that time his feelings have become depraved and he is much in need of reformation as to his opinions in regard to morality and the means by which the same can be inculcated.

The members of the committee were quite indignant at what Supervisor Taylor declared to be a "cheeky joke" on the part of the petitioners.

WOLFE'S MOVEMENTS

His Sworn Statement Concerning Them Seems Somewhat Improbable.

There are several peculiarities noticeable in the statements of Elmer A. Wolfe as to his movements after the party at Dr. Vogel's house on the fatal Friday night, and some discrepancies of fact which at this time are particularly interesting. The statement sworn to by him at the inquest yesterday is practically as follows:

"I left Dr. Vogel's house at 11:30 o'clock and, with five or six others, walked up Howard street to Twenty-fourth. There Durrant, Miss Lord and I turned and walked along Twenty-fourth to the corner of Capp, where we parted, Durrant going along Twenty-fourth and Miss Lord and I turning down Capp street. I left her at her home, 846 Capp street, a few doors below Twenty-fourth. Then I went down Capp street to Twenty-third and along that street to my room at No. 630. I changed my clothes and went to the stable at the corner of Twenty-fourth street and Orange alley for my horse. As I reached the stable I recollected that I had left my horse at the dairy depot, corner of Fifteenth avenue and the San Bruno road. I turned and knowing I was late ran to catch a Howard-street car. I went to Bartlett street, then ran down that street to Twenty-third and along that to Howard. I caught the Howard-street car expecting to transfer to the horsecar out the San Bruno road. I rode to the end of the cable line at Twenty-fourth street and Potrero avenue, where I found that the last horsecar had gone. I walked to the dairy depot and taking my horse rode to the ranch, which I reached at 1:30 o'clock."

In some particulars Wolfe's story is corroborated. Miss Lord remembers leaving Mr. Durrant at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Capp streets at a quarter to 12 o'clock. Mr. Taber, Wolfe's stepfather, heard him enter the house at 630 Twenty-third street and leave it again. He says Elmer was in the structure between ten and fifteen minutes. Miss Lord says that she chatted with Durrant before leaving hiw for nearly five minutes. They talked about his sister in Germany and he gave her his sister's letter to take home for her mother to read.

There are only four outbound Howard-street cars which pass Twenty-third street after midnight and only six which pass that thoroughfare after 11:45 P. M., the hour that Wolfe says he saw Durrant at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Capp streets. Their times for passing the corner of Twenty-third and Howard streets are 11:54½ P. M., 12 M., 12:05½ A. M., 12:11 A. M., 12:16½ A. M. and 12:22 A. M.

As the last outbound car passes the corner of Twenty-fourth and Howard streets at 22 minutes past 12 o'clock, Wolfe had just thirty-seven minutes in which to accomplish all that he said he did after seeing Durrant at 11:45 o'clock.

According to his story he walked home with Miss Lord and saw her safe inside, then walked one block to Twenty-third street, two and a half blocks to his home and two blocks to the stable on Twenty-fourth street, a total of six and a half blocks walked, and he did not hurry, because he was under the impression that his horse was in the Twenty-fourth-street stable.

From the stable he ran half a block to Bartlett, one block to Twenty-third and three blocks to Howard street, a total run of four and a half blocks.

Miss Lord's story of the five-minute chat with Durrant and Mr. Taber's testimony that Wolfe was in the house changing his clothes for fifteen minutes eliminate twenty minutes from the thirty-seven he had after seeing Durrant before the last car passed. The net result is seven blocks walked leisurely and four blocks run in seventeen minutes.

Car Dispatcher C. H. Randall, who is in charge at the Tenth-street carhouse, says that if Wolfe boarded a Howard-street car bound out at the corner of Twenty-third street, he would have inevitably been noticed by the gripman or the conductor. It is very seldom that any one boards an out-bound car at that point, for the run from there to the end of the line is a very short one, occupying only six minutes.

The crews of the last six cars on the night of the murder and the hours that they passed Twenty-third street were: Gripman C. Hinnenberg and Conductor W. H. Bray, 11:54.30 P. M.; Gripman O. W. Jensen and Conductor C. O. Downing, 12 M.; Gripman J. M. Chase and Conductor E. R. Lillis, 12:05.30 A. M.; Gripman T. W. Reed and Conductor M. Pinther, 12:11 A. M.; Gripman L. M. Say and Conductor W. H. Bradley, 12:16.30 A. M., and Gripman E. Goodrich and Conductor B. Meyers 12:22 A. M.

All these gripmen and conductors are positive that no one answering Wolfe's description boarded their cars at the point mentioned on the night of the murder.

THE FUNERAL.

Blanche Lamont's Remains Interred at Dillon, Montana.

ANACONDA, MONT., April 19.—A special to the Standard from Dillon, Mont., says: The remains of Miss Blanche Lamont arrived here this morning from San Francisco on the northbound passenger train. Miss Maude Lamont, a sister of the deceased, accompanied the remains. The casket was taken in charge by a delegation from the Masonic Lodge, who conveyed it to the St. James Episcopal Church, where the funeral services were held at 10:30 A. M. Rev. S. D. Hooker, the pastor of the church, conducted the services and Rev. W. Hayes of the Presbyterian Church delivered an eloquent sermon.

All the other ministers of the city were present. It seemed as if all the people of the two cities and the surrounding country were present to do honor to the memory of the departed young lady. The edifice could hold but a small portion of the mourners. There were floral offerings in profusion, the most conspicuous among them being those of the Dillon Masonic Lodge; Company E, Montana National Guard, and a beautiful wreath from the orchestra of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of San Francisco. The remains were interred in Mountain View Cemetery with the rites of the Episcopal church.

DURRANT'S GUILT.

Miss Lamont's Uncle Has No Doubt on the Subject--An Accomplice.

PORTLAND, Or., April 19.—Rev. Hugh Lamont, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Vancouver, Wash., and an uncle of Blanche Lamont, the girl murdered in Emmanuel Church at San Francisco, was in the city this evening on the way home from Olympia, where he has been visiting his brother, who is also a minister. Mr. Lamont has watched the case very closely throughout and in speaking of it tonight said: "I am under the impression from the facts so far brought out that Durrant is guilty of the murder of Blanche, but in the case of Minnie Williams. I believe he had an accomplice. He used every effort to destroy all evidence of the murder of Blanche, and in the secretion of her clothing, while in Miss Williams' case he mangled the body, and, I believe, trusted to an accomplice to destroy the evidence. Minnie Williams undoubtedly had knowledge of the murder of Blanche, and Durrant, knowing this, determined to get her out of the way. Blanche visited my family while I was located at Missoula, Mont., two years ago last summer. She was a very independent, self-poised and ambitious girl, and was always perfect in her deportment."

STORY OF A PURSE.

It Was Lost by Miss Gertrude Taber, Elmer Wolfe's Half-Sister.

A sensational story has been circulated about a purse supposed to have been dropped by Elmer A. Wolfe on the San Bruno road. An attempt was made to show that Wolfe was connected with the murder of Minnie Williams. The fact is that three weeks ago to-day Miss Gertrude Taber, half-sister of Elmer Wolfe, while on her way from Guadaloupe Dairy to this city lost her purse, which contained about $4 and some cards on which were addresses. This purse was found by a man who spent the money and then made known his discovery to an acquaintance. The police have given the matter only enough consideration to ascertain that it has no bearing on the murder cases.

The man who found Miss Taber's purse and gave it to the chief engineer of the Chronicle has been taken into custody (placed on small book) under suspicion of having robbed a hatstore on Fourth or Third street.

HE SAW LIGHT.

Richard Stanton Passed the Church Last Friday Night at 10:30.

Richard Stanton, who lives in one of the houses adjoining the church, says that he passed the building at 10:30 o'clock last Friday night and saw a light in the building. At that hour, it will be remembered, Durrant was at Dr. Vogel's. Stanton further says that on the same night a woman, whose name he does not know, saw a light in the belfry.

Stanton says that people passed in and out of that church at all hours of the night and the fact was notorious in the neighborhood.

DURRANT'S CALLERS.

After They Leave Him He Goes to Sleep Without Any Difficulty.

Durrant spent a quiet afternoon and evening in jail yesterday, though he received a large number of friends who came to console him. General John H. Dickinson, Durrant's leading attorney, called at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and spent an hour in close conversation. Shortly after 4 o'clock Mrs. Durrant and a young lady friend called and were warmly welcomed. Durrant, his mother and the young lady were all in good spirits. They chatted as merrily as if Durrant was only in a hospital suffering from some slight complaint instead of being in a secure cell charged with murder.

Mrs. Durrant stayed about an hour with her son and cheered him up greatly. Durrant, notwithstanding his nightmares, seems to have no trouble in getting to sleep easily. He lay down at 10 o'clock last evening and immediately went to sleep.

IS IT HIS HAIR?

Dr. Samuels Wants a Specimen From Durrant's Head for Comparison.

Dr. Samuels, to whom the police gave the hair taken from Blanche Lamont's waist for examination, is patiently waiting for the police to give him a lock from Durrant's head. He wants to compare it with that found on the waist.

Dr. Samuels made another microscopical examination of the hair yesterday, which, it will be remembered, was taken from the right sleeve and the bodice of the garment. There were eight black horse-hairs about seven inches long, several hairs from the dead girl's head and ten short hairs. The short hairs were apparently dark brown, but when held between the eye and a strong light they were yellow brown or tawny. The microscopist says the police have searched Durrant's head for stray hairs and have found none. For some reason unknown to him they refuse to clip the suspect's head.

SHE IS CONFIDENT.

Mrs. Durrant Says Evidence for Her Son Has Been Found.

Mrs. Durrant, the prisoner's mother, bears up well under the strain and appeared more hopeful last night than she had been at any time since the arrest of her son.

"I have received good news to-day," she said. "New evidence has been found which will undoubtedly clear Theodore. It is in the hands of his attorney, and, of course, I do not feel at liberty to give it out at this time. No, there is no truth in the report that a young man and woman have come forward declaring that they were the couple seen entering the church by Mr. Hills."

AS TO HYPNOTISM.

Experts Say It Played No Part in the Double Tragedy.

The question has been asked how Durrant could induce Miss Minnie Williams, who according to the sworn testimony at the inquest had but scant confidence in him, to enter with him at night the Emmanuel Church.

A theory that he hypnotized her has been advanced to cover this point, but it seems untenable. Dr. A. Abrams of 431 Geary street, who is connected with the Cooper Institute, has searched deeply into the science of hypnotic suggestion and written several treatises on the subject. He says:

"The theory that Durrant or any other man hypnotized the girl, or either of them, to make them willing to enter the church is particularly weak. The successful hypnotism of a subject depends not so much on the hypnotiseur as upon the person subjected to his influence. It is not so much a power in an individual as the result of a concentrated mental effort to receive a suggestion on the part of the subject. Hence the use of the term hypnotic suggestion in medical practice in preference to hypnotism.

"Under the circumstances it is practically impossible that Durrant should have hypnotized those girls. For any one to easily hypnotize a person it is necessary that such person had been the object of former repeated and successive hypnotisms by the same hypnotiseur. No one even after such repeated experiences can be hypnotized against his or her will, even under the most favorable conditions, and that those girls should have been hypnotized while walking along the street is preposterous."

In this connection it might be asked why, if Durrant had the girls under hypnotic influence, were the murders necessary?

Post-Mortem Wounds.

Several physicians yesterday examined the blood on the walls and floor of the room in which Minnie Williams was murdered and decided that the fiend wielded his knife after her life was extinct. Among these physicians were Coroner Hawkins and ex-Coroner Hughes.

Pressecution.

To the Editor of the Call—SIR: In the name of fair play I beg leave to protest against the action and attitude of the press of this city toward Theodore Durrant, accused of having murdered Miss Lamont and Miss Williams.

Americans—at least the remnant of them that is left—believe and constantly assert that a love of fair play is a national characteristic, and I think it is in the long run not untrue—of the remnant. But the fierce, vindictive, unrelenting attacks of the newspapers on the accused, in advance of his trial and conviction by established procedure, go far to give the lie to the national boast.

Every circumstance of suspicion against Durrant is unduly emphasized, and the few shreds of evidence that might make in his favor—even his virtues of sobriety and apparent fortitude—are brushed aside or wrested to his undoing. It is quite true that many circumstances point strongly to his guilt, but so far as the facts have been made public there are several essential links lacking in the case of the prosecution. Until these are supplied the case of the people on circumstantial evidence is incomplete and a conviction would not be warranted. It is unnecessary to recall here the not infrequent cases where innocent men have been enmeshed in a net of apparently incriminating circumstances and convicted by the clamor of the crowd and hanged.

Let Durrant be prosecuted by the machinery and the officers of the law with all possible vigor, and if found guilty let him be hanged and damned without benefit of clergy, but if he has a defense, let it be heard, and not drowned by this sinister cry for his blood. I have not the remotest interest in Durrant or his case, but I have in the fairness and dignity of the press and the people of this city. As it is, the papers are giving the accused no show for his life; they are pre-empting and saturating the minds of the men who must determine the question of his guilt by rousing their passions with dramatic presentation of facts and rumors and opinions, with ensnaring analysis and cunning theories in support of the assumption of his guilt, such as the average juror will be unable to resist, and which will bar a fair and impartial trial. Another danger attending such journalism is that it may overleap itself and defeat the conviction of a guilty man. On any ground it is to be deprecated, and I think a new word should be coined to designate and reprobate it, and I venture to suggest "pressecution" as fitting and expressive.

Yours sincerely, E. C. C.

April 17, 1895.

Tip for the Detectives.

To the Call—DEAR SIR: I venture this brief suggestion or analysis: That Durrant killed Ware, the drug clerk: that Blanche Lamont was with him at that lonely hour; that Blanche made a confidant of Miss Williams and that Durrant thought by getting rid of the two he would smother all evidence to his crime.

A. B. ELDER.

West Side, Santa Clara County, April 18, 1895.

SIR KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

They Conclude Their Session With the Installation of the New Officers.

All business of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar was concluded yesterday afternoon with the installation of the newly elected and appointed officers, as follows:

Grand commander, Sir Edward Spaulding Lippitt of Petaluma; deputy grand commander, Sir Trowbridge Hyer Ward of Los Angeles; grand generalissimo, Sir George Dickson Metcalf of Oakland; grand captain-general, Sir Robert Morris Powers of San Diego; grand prelate, Sir Charles Stone of Marysville; grand senior warden, Sir Robert Hard Blossom of Red Bluff; grand junior warden, Sir John Garwood of Stockton; grand treasurer, Sir Franklin Henry Day of San Francisco; grand recorder, Sir Thomas Hubbard Casswell; grand standard bearer, Sir Frederick Marvin Miller of Fresno; grand sword bearer, Sir George Butterfield McKee of San Jose; grand warder, Sir Florin Leslie Jones of Pasadena; grand organist, Sir Samuel Davis Mayer of San Francisco; grand captain of the guards, Sir James Oglesby of San Francisco.

The standing committees appointed are as follows:

Committee on Jurisprudence—Sir William Caldwell Belcher, Sir Niles Searls, Sir William Abraham Davies.

Committee on Finance and Accounts—Sir Joseph Miller Litchfield, Sir William Frank Pierce, Sir Franklin Dalton.

Committee on Correspondence—Sir William Abraham Davies, Sir Josepher Wheeler Cook, Sir Allen Bosley Lemmon.

On Thursday evening Golden Gate Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, conferred the order of the Red Cross. Last evening California Commandery No. 1 conferred the order of the Temple.

GRACE AND MUSCLE.

A Novel Entertainment by a Ladies' Physical Culture Class.

An entertainment was given last night at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall by the ladies' class in physical culture connected with the gymnasium of the association. The stage was given a novel effect with colored lights, in which the young ladies, as they gave exhibitions, looked quite beautiful.

Six young women, dressed in dark blue bloomers and loose white blouses, swung Indian clubs gracefully in time and music. They were: Mrs. C. M. Shaffer, Miss Lucy Brace, Miss C. E. Stubbs, Miss Lake Hamblen, Miss Lizzie Roach and Miss Alzalie Morris.

Another pleasing exhibition was the Delsarte exercise by Miss Vida White, Miss Grace Clarke, Mrs. A. Winters and the Misses A. and N. and M. E. Boardman.

The young men's class gave a very creditable exhibition in ladder-pyramid work. The performers were Henry Currie, E. Spacher, Archie Hettrich, L. Jennings, W. Murray, Charles Barney, Fred L. Shaw, Rodney H. Marchant, George Stewart and Ernest Schenck.

In addition to this part of the programme there was a reading by Miss Grace Clarke, a whistling solo by Miss C. E. Stubbs, a vocal solo by Miss Litta Cameron, a reading from Lytton by Miss Vida White, club-swinging by Miss Amanda Schenck, a cornet duet by Masters Kallender and Worth, and a vocal trio by Messrs. Rosenberg, Hutz and Anderson. The Mandolin Club, with Lucien Mojica as leader, played two overtures that were appreciated.

The St. George Lighthouse.

An order has been received by the local Lighthouse Board from the department at Washington to increase the time of the silent interval between the fog-signal blasts at the station on St. George reef. This lighthouse and fog-signal station is on a lonely rock thirteen miles from the mainland, off Crescent City, Del Norte County, Cal. It is in the line of all vessels running on the northern coast. Formerly during foggy weather the blast on the fog whistle was five seconds in duration, followed by a silent interval of thirty-five seconds. The silent interval has been increased to seventy-five seconds, the object being to save water. The latter is a very scarce commodity on the rock, the supply coming entirely from rain, and the enforced economy is a matter of great importance to the lighthouse people.

Arraigned for Murder.

Charles Inman, alias Charles S. Rice, was arraigned in Judge Wallace's court yesterday for the murder of Ida Zimmerman, alias Cora Inman. His plea was not guilty.

Inman and the woman were employed in a variety dive, at Geary street and Grant avenue. On the night of the crime, several weeks ago, she went to her room on Broadway, near Stockton street. Inman, who had been drinking heavily, followed her there, and shortly afterward she was found with her throat cut by a razor. Inman told some of the people he had killed his wife and he was promptly arrested.

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MRS. JAS. M. TODD OF LONG RAPIDS DISCARDS HER CRUTCHES.

In an Interview With a Reporter She Reviews Her Experience and Tells the Real Cause of the Miracle.

From the Argus, Alpena, Mich.

We have long known Mrs. James M. Todd of Long Rapids, Alpena County, Mich. She has been a sad cripple. Many of her friends know the story of her recovery: for the benefit of those who do not, we publish it to-day.

Eight years ago she was taken with nervous prostration and in a few months with muscular and inflammatory rheumatism. It affected her heart, then her head. Her feet became so swollen she could wear nothing on them; her hands were drawn all out of shape. Her eyes were swollen shut more than half the time, her knee joints terribly swollen and for eighteen months she had to be held up to be dressed. One limb became entirely helpless, and the skin was so dry and cracked that it would bleed. During these eight years she had been treated by a score of physicians, and had also spent much time at Ann Arbor under best medical advice. All said her trouble was brought on by hard work and that medicine would not cure, and that rest was the only thing which would ease her. After going to live with her daughter she became entirely helpless and could not even raise her arms to cover herself at night. The interesting part of the story follows in her own words:

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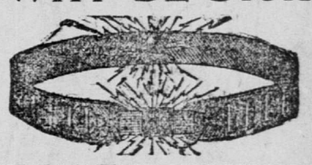

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