

about 2 feet 6 inches from the body, near the centre room door.

A lorgnette, produced, was lying on the floor close beside her back.

A gold brooch, produced, was lying on the clothing at the back of the body.

An upper set of false teeth, produced, was lying on the right hand corner of door mat at entrance to drawing-room, 3 feet 9 inches from the body.

A lower set of false teeth, produced, was lying on third step of stair within 9 inches of the left hand side wall of the stair.

A hair pad, produced, was lying at the back of the body.

A glass vase, produced, was lying on the floor near to head of body, which had been knocked off the small table shown in photograph.

A silver vase, produced, was lying on the floor about two feet from the body.

A broken gas globe, bloodstained, produced, was lying on a flower plate between the drawing-room door and entrance to main hall.

Some withered bay branches lying on the floor in the corner, between the dining-room and the middle doors, and lying on the top of these branches was a lady's hat and hat pin, produced.

The inside of the hat was very much stained with blood.

The hat pin was bent to the shape of the head, as if the deceased had been wearing the hat and pin when she received the blows on the head.

There were also a tin box, unlocked; a travelling case, open; two hand-bags, shut, on the south side of the hall between the middle room door and the dining-room door.

A cardboard box containing lace, on the floor beside the open travelling case.

The hall floor was bestrewn with burnt matches, produced.

A pair of gardeners' pruning sycamiters, produced, were lying on a table on the south side of the main hall. These sycamiters may have been used for cutting the telephone wires.

A metal knob of a poker, produced, was found underneath some withered bay branches lying at the side of wall beside the left side of stair.

On this knob were bloodstains, and two or three fair hairs adhering to /

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to it.

A metal poker, minus the head, produced, was lying on a round table to the right of the stair. On this poker were stains of blood, with fair hairs adhering to it.

The knob of the poker referred to evidently belongs to this poker, as it completely fits the fracture.

There are six steps in the stair leading to the first turning. From there, there are nine steps to the next turning, and on the square flat landing there was lying a green curtain rope, produced, similar to the rope with which deceased's legs were tied.

The bloodstained trimming of hat, produced, was lying partly underneath the deceased's body.

The stone, produced, was found lying inside the door of cloak-room.

The carving fork, produced, was found on the floor near the body, the prongs being partly under the open travelling case.

The prongs and bone handle of the fork were bloodstained.

I made this examination pending the arrival of Dr. Sturrock.

I also gave instructions to Mr T.K. Roddan, the Burgh Surveyor, to come to Elmgrove to take certain measurements, and also to Mr Rodger, Photographer, to take certain photographs, produced.

When Dr. Sturrock reached Elmgrove at 11 o'clock forenoon, I pointed out all these things to him. I then, with the doctor, made a more minute examination of the body.

The body was fully dressed.

The clothes on the upper part of the body were much bloodstained.

On the body of deceased were a gold watch, chain and appendage, and six gold finger rings,- all produced.

After examining the body Dr. Sturrock came to the conclusion that Miss Milne had been murdered.

Before Dr. Sturrock left, W.F. Mackintosh Esq., the Procurator Fiscal, arrived, and we explained to him everything we had learned.

Accompanied by the Fiscal, I made a preliminary examination of the whole house.

In a drawer of a wardrobe in the deceased lady's bedroom I found a

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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.

I was present at the post mortem examination of the body, which took place in the mortuary, Constitution Road, Dundee, at 8-30 that evening. The post mortem examination was conducted by Dr. Charles Templeman and Professor Sutherland. Dr. Sturrock, the Police Surgeon of Broughty Ferry, was also present. The deceased's clothing was removed, and consisted of a new cloak, linen blouse with lace attached, camisole or slip-body, three knitted spencers, a pair of corsets, linen chemise, flannelette chemise, blue serge skirt, knitted petticoat, pair of linen drawers, pair of stockings, pair of garters and a pair of shoes,- all produced. These articles of clothing were all taken off or cut off deceased's body in the mortuary

After Professor Sutherland and Dr. Templeman had finished their dissection of the body, I suggested, through Dr. Sturrock, that they should make an examination with a view to being able to say whether the deceased had been criminally assaulted. I also suggested through Dr. Sturrock that the body should be turned over on its face and an examination made of the back. The body was not turned over on its face, but only slightly raised from the table by the left shoulder, and the doctors, after glancing under, said there was nothing to be seen on the back but post mortem marks.

First thing on Monday morning, 4th November 1912, I communicated with Chief Constable Stevenson, Glasgow, asking him to let me have the services of a Detective Officer to assist me in investigating the murder. Later in the forenoon Mr Stevenson telephoned me that he was despatching Detective-Lieutenant Trench with the 2 o'clock train from Glasgow to assist me. I met Lieutenant Trench on his arrival in Dundee, and on the way down to Broughty Ferry I narrated to him all I knew about the case.

We proceeded direct to Elmgrove, the house of the deceased

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lady. I explained fully to Trench the position in which the body was found and the places where the different productions in the case were lying. We then made a thorough examination of the various apartments of the house, and took possession of a large quantity of correspondence. On examining the pantry attached to the kitchen, I found near the sink a bloodstained towel, produced, and lying in the dining-room a copy of the Dundee Evening Telegraph, 5th edition, dated 14th October 1912. There was no newspaper of later date to be found in the house.

Lieutenant Trench and I made a thorough examination of the deceased's correspondence, which, however, did not throw any light on the crime.

Miss Milne was known to have paid frequent visits to London, sometimes for extended periods. It was ascertained by Trench and I from her correspondence that she had been resident at the Strand Palace Hotel, London, for a considerable time from 9th April 1912. My Police Register of houses temporarily vacant shows her to have left home on 9th April 1912 and returned on 2nd August 1912.

On 4th November 1912 I issued and circulated a Police Circular, produced, narrating the details of the murder so far as known, and on 6th November 1912 I issued and circulated an amended Police Circular, also produced, giving the descriptions of two men who had been seen at Elmgrove under suspicious circumstances.

Amongst the deceased's correspondence we found a number of letters bearing London addresses, with the writers of some of which she appeared to have been fairly intimate.

On Wednesday night, 6th November 1912, I left Broughty Ferry for London, with the object of interviewing all persons likely to afford information respecting the deceased and her movements. With the assistance of Chief Inspector Collins, of the Criminal Investigation Department, Scotland Yard, I obtained statements from all persons Miss Milne was known to have been acquainted with in London. I have submitted all these statements to the Procurator Fiscal. I found that Miss Milne had been resident at the Strand Palace Hotel from 9th April till 6th August 1912 /

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1912. I found upon inquiry that the £80 referred to by Mr Nash in his statement was obtained from the Royal Bank of Scotland, Bishops: gate, where she sometimes paid in Dividend Warrants. As a matter of fact she paid in £50 on 2nd February 1912 and £30 on 2nd May 1912; then on 25th July she drew the £80 referred to, in four £20 Bank of England notes. These notes I carefully traced, and found that she took three of them with her to Scotland and paid them into her credit at the Dundee Savings Bank; the fourth note the deceased lady cashed over the counter at the Bank of England, and took in exchange two £5 notes and one £10 note. One of the £5 notes was cashed by the deceased at Messrs Shoobred's, Tottenham Court Road, London, and the remaining £15 paid into her credit at the Royal Bank of Scotland, London, on 1st August 1912. I could not find the least tangible evidence of Miss Milne having been seen in the company of any stranger outside the hotels at which she stayed. On former visits to London we found her to have stayed at the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross; the Waverley and Bedford Hotels in the west central district, as well as the Bonnington and Strand Palace Hotels.

On 11th November 1912, while at Scotland Yard, I received from Superintendent Neaves, Kent County Constabulary, Tonbridge, the following telephone message:-

"We have a man in custody here for false pretences, who will be before the Court tomorrow at 11-30 a.m. He gives the name of Charles Warner, 210 Wilton Avenue, Toronto, Canada. His description is, - Age 38, 5 feet 9 inches, hair dark brown, turning slightly grey, eyes grey, complexion pale or sallow, round features clean shaven, tattooed Masonic and Oddfellows sign left forearm, gold stopping front teeth; dressed grey lounge suit, dark overcoat, skull cap, gentlemanly appearance. This man is a mystery to us, and we thought perhaps he might be connected with the Dundee murder. Will you interview him?"

In consequence of this message, the following day (12th November 1912) I went to Tonbridge, Kent, and was present during this man's trial on a charge of obtaining food and lodging by fraud. I had the man under observation during the whole of his trial which lasted about an hour. Having satisfied myself that the man answered the description of the suspect seen at Broughty Ferry, I asked Supt. Neaves to instruct one of his men to have the prisoner's clothing examined /

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examined, with the view of finding bloodstains. Supt. Neaves gave instructions for this being done, and it was shortly reported to us that a linen shirt which the prisoner had been wearing when he was remanded a week ago, was now amissing, and that Warner refused to say what had become of it. I telephoned the head warder at Maidstone jail, where the accused had been incarcerated during his remand, and asked him to make inquiries about the shirt. Shortly afterwards the head warder telephoned me saying that the shirt had been found in a corner of the dressing room in the prison, minus the cuffs, neck band and front. I afterwards obtained possession of this shirt, produced.

Supt. Neaves told me that the man in custody totally refused to give any account of himself, beyond the fact that he had walked from London over night, with the intention of making his way to Dover, for the purpose of getting a boat across to the Continent. Supt. Neaves also mentioned that Warner had told the constable escorting him to Prison that he had been recently in Scotland.

During the time I had the prisoner under observation he impressed me as being an educated man with considerable pretensions of being a gentleman. From the able manner in which he cross-examined the witnesses, I was inclined to think he had had a legal training. He was very well dressed. I noted that this man had left London between 4 & 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the Sunday Miss Milne had been found murdered, namely, - 3rd November 1912. Taking all these things into consideration, I deemed it prudent to have Warner photographed. This was done, and the same night I forwarded it, along with a report, to Lieut. Trench at Broughty Ferry, with instructions to have it submitted to the witnesses. On the morning of 14th November 1912 I received the following telegram from Lieut. Trench:-

"Witnesses Wood, Don, girl Campbell, two girls McIntosh, all say photograph strongly resembles man seen by them, but cannot say definitely. Wood, Don and Campbell think he is the man, but would like to see him before being positive. Malcolm and Urquhart say he is like the man seen by them in car. Boys Duncan, Bannerman and Potter say he resembles man in general appearance. New witness Hay says he is very like man met by him leaving Elmgrove on 15th October".

I completed my other inquiries in London on 15th November 1912, and on the same day left London for Broughty Ferry, for the purpose /

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purpose of having a consultation with Lieut. Trench, and interviewing the witnesses personally as to the identification of the photograph of Warner. I found on my arrival at Broughty Ferry that Lieut. Trench, in submitting Warner's photograph to the witnesses for identification, had placed it amongst a number of other photographs which had been received from different parts of the country as answering the man whose description we had circulated, and that each of the witnesses named in Trench's telegram to me, had picked out the photograph of Warner as strongly resembling the man they had seen in Broughty Ferry. I then interviewed the witnesses who had identified Warner's photograph, and decided upon those whom I thought the most reliable to take to Maidstone in the event of Warner being unable to satisfactorily account for his movements between 12th October and 3rd November 1912. I chose upon the witnesses Wood, Don, Margaret Campbell and Jessie & Ina McIntosh.

I left Broughty Ferry on the night of 19th November 1912, reaching London the following morning. The same day, I obtained from the Home Office an Order to the Governor of H.M. Prison, Maidstone, authorising him to permit me to have an interview with Warner, and, if necessary, to have him shown for identification. The next day at Maidstone Jail, in company with Supt. Neaves of the Kent County Constabulary, I had an interview with Warner. I told him that he was suspected of having murdered an elderly lady at Broughty Ferry, between 14th October and 3rd November 1912, and that if he cared to give me a note of his movements between these dates I would have them verified. Warner then made a statement to me, marked "A", which I took down in writing.

In my first interview with Warner he gave me as his reason for refusing to disclose his proper name and address to me, that he was connected with good people and was unwilling that his people should get to know that he was imprisoned on a charge of obtaining board and lodging by false pretences. I ascertained, however, from the Prison Officials, after my interview with Warner, that he had already communicated /

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communicated with his people, telling them of his being in Prison and asking them to cable him money. I did not consider Warner's statement a satisfactory one, and telegraphed Lieut. Trench to send the witnesses already indicated to Maidstone. These witnesses, namely, - Wood, Don, Margaret Campbell and Jessie & Ina McIntosh, arrived at Maidstone Jail on Saturday morning, and were then shown the man Warner along with a number of others in their ordinary clothing, with the result as shown in their statements. I was not present at the identification proceedings, but before they were taken through to see the man I impressed upon them in the presence of Supt. Neaves that it was not the man whose photograph they had picked out that they were to look for, but the man they had seen in the flesh at Broughty Ferry. On the result of the identification proceedings being made known to me by the head warder of the Prison, namely, - that the witnesses Wood, Don and the two girls McIntosh had unhesitatingly identified Warner as the man they had seen at Broughty Ferry, I telegraphed Lieut. Trench, giving him the particulars of the identification and instructed him to obtain a Warrant for Warner's arrest. Before leaving the Prison, however, I deemed it prudent to have another interview with Warner, and let him know that four witnesses had identified him as being the man they had seen in Broughty Ferry about the time of the murder, and afford him a further opportunity of accounting for his movements. I did so in the presence of Supt. Neaves, and Warner, after being duly cautioned, made the statement to me marked "B". While at the Prison I made a minute examination of the clothing which Warner was wearing when apprehended, and finding marks on the trousers, jacket and vest, produced, I took possession of them.

It will be noted that this statement("B") differs very materially from the statement Warner made to me on 21st November 1912.

It will also be noted that in this second statement Warner gave us a very comprehensive narrative of his movements, dating from 10th August 1912 till 4th November 1912.

It will be noted, too, that he was able to give the exact day of the month, with the corresponding day of the week, on which he said /

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said he was at all the different places he said he visited. He dictated this to me all from memory, and it is significant to know that his statement as to his movements, and the dates he gives from 22nd August till 4th November when he was apprehended at Tonbridge, are apparently absolutely correct. This appears to me to be a most impossible feat for any ordinary man to be able to do, without he had purposely, with some object in view, mentally noted the particular dates in his mind on which he was at all the <sup>different</sup> ~~above~~ places he mentions. Especially so does this appear to me on the part of Warner, because, on his own showing and on that of the witnesses whose statements I took in Antwerp, Brussels and London, he was leading a most irregular life, - at times drinking heavily and living by his wits, flitting between Antwerp and London, London and Liverpool, Liverpool and London, London and Southampton, Southampton and Liverpool, Liverpool and <sup>a</sup>Secombe, <sup>a</sup>Secombe and Antwerp, Antwerp and Rotterdam, Rotterdam and Antwerp, Antwerp and Brussels, Brussels and Antwerp, and Antwerp back to London.

Warner was apprehended at the Prison gate, Maidstone, on Monday, 25th November 1912, charged with having murdered Miss Milne between 13th October and 3rd November 1912, by Lieut. Trench and myself, and afterwards conveyed to Scotland, reaching Dundee on the morning of 27th November 1912. On the following day (Thursday, 28th November 1912) Warner was again shown for identification, when he was identified by the witness Malcolm as being the man who travelled on the same Car as him about 5-40 on the morning of 16th November 1912.

On Saturday night, 19th November 1912, under instructions from the Procurator Fiscal, I left Broughty Ferry for the Continent, for the purpose of verifying the statement Warner had made as to his movements there. I visited Antwerp and Brussels, and as shown in the statements from the witnesses, they all identified the photograph of Warner as being that of the man who was in the different places indicated in Warner's second statement on the exact dates he mentions.

The Certificate produced, I obtained possession of from Mr Henry Brust, proprietor of the Hotel Rubens, which purports to have been /

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been signed by Warner under the name which he took there of C.S. Walker, on 16th October 1912.

When I called at the Hotel Rheinland in Antwerp, where Warner had stayed under the name of C.S. Walker, from 20th September till 25th September 1912, I found he had left behind him there a large kit bag, also one white shirt, one striped shirt, one dozen collars, one brown bowler hat, one pair new trousers and one sommat. The shirts and the collars I found to be marked "C.S. Warren, Chicago". In the bag, which was locked, I found a telegraph form, produced, on which was written the address of a woman, namely, -"<sup>Miss</sup>Maggie Nancy R. Jones, 102 Magazine Lane, New Brighton."

On 6th December 1912 I called at the Police Office, Brussels, where the Officials recognised the photograph of Warner as being that of a man giving the name of Charles Stanley Ware, who obtained a night's shelter at the Police Office on the night of 5th October 1912. The following is a copy from the Police records at Brussels Police Office:-  
Name, - Charles Stanley Ware; born, - Chicago; profession, - sailor; called at 8 p.m. At Seacombe, Cheshire, on 9th December, I saw the witness Mrs Graham, with whom Warner says he stayed from 13th September to 19th September 1912. Mrs Graham identified Warner's photograph as that of a man who lodged with her under the name of Walker, from 13th to 19th September 1912. It will be noted that Mrs Graham speaks about this man as being very gentlemanly in his manner and conduct, never appearing under the influence of drink, and being altogether very regular in his habits. It is difficult to reconcile the conduct of this man in Seacombe with the conduct or manner of living of Warner in London and on the Continent.

With reference to Warner's statement that he slept in Liverpool on Thursday and Friday, the 22nd and 23rd August, in a Temperance Hotel near North Western Station, after searching in the vicinity of Lime Street Station, Liverpool, I found that a man <sup>answer</sup> Warner's description had stayed at the New Waverley Temperance Hotel 1 & 3 Lower Nelson Street, for one or two nights in August, the exact dates not being known, and returned for a night some little time later /

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later. This man did not give any name nor sign the Register, and nothing is known about him.

*Given to P. F. on 17/12/12.*

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New Scotland Yard,  
LONDON, S.W.,  
18th day of December, 1912.

From the Assistant Commissioner of Police,  
Criminal Investigation Department,  
Special Branch.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant regarding Charles Warner, in custody for the murder of Miss Milne, addressed to Sergeant Cosgrove, my officer at Rotterdam, I have to forward herewith a copy of this officer's report of enquiries made on the matter, and to state that I shall be obliged if you would communicate with this office should you desire any further enquiries made.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F.T. Bigham,

Chief Constable.

The Chief Constable,  
Broughty Ferry,  
SCOTLAND.

*Original given to P.F. 23/12/12.*

PORT OF ROTTERDAM.

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Criminal Investigation Department  
New Scotland Yard,  
15th day of December, 1912.

Subject.- Charles Warner, in custody for murder.

With reference to the letter received by me from Chief Constable Sempill, Broughty Ferry, regarding the murder of Miss Milly at Elmgrove, I beg to report that enquiries have been made, and it was ascertained that the porter, John Starfield, had discontinued to work at the Hotel Victoria, Rotterdam. Enquiries were also made at the residence of Mrs Schmidt, 2 Stationsplien, from whom it was elicited that Starfield ceased to reside with her a month ago, in consequence of his inability to pay his accounts.

Exhaustive enquiries were made, and the movements of Starfield were traced up to last week, but through non-payment of money borrowed from other porters, and of a known theft or two, it is thought that he has left Rotterdam. I have been able to ascertain, without doubt, that Starfield had the man Warner with him during the end of September, and acted very kindly towards him, terminating by him selling Warner's razor and strop for 4/2 to a Mr Vrede, Hall Porter at Victoria Hotel, and which sum, it is stated, was intended for the purchase of Warner's ticket from Rotterdam to Antwerp.

Mrs Schmidt, 2 Stationsplien, recognised the photo of Warner as that of the man who stayed at that address for a week in September last, but she is not quite clear as to the exact dates of the man's residence. She would not give a written statement, but verbally stated the following:- "An English speaking man, name unknown, was brought to 2 Stationsplien, by Mr Starfield, a lodger, and he occupied the same front room as Starfield, but their beds were separated by a curtain drawn in the centre of room. He daily partook of breakfast, but no other meals, which was paid for by the man Starfield".

Mrs Schmidt believes the man went to live with her on t

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24th September, and remained for seven days, and once afterwards  
he wrote to Mr Starfield from Antwerp.

(Signed) Rody Cosgrove,  
Sergeant.

Submitted.

(Signed) J. McBrien,  
Actg. Superintendent.

*copy given to P.F. on 20/12/12.*  
*Also*  
*Original given to P.F. on 23/12/12.*

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GEORGE SCRYMGEOUR, "53", Journalist, Cadzow, Newport West, Fife,  
states:-

On Monday, 21st, or Tuesday, 22nd, October 1912, either between 11 a.m. and 12 noon, or at 1 p.m., I saw the deceased Miss Milne in Bank Street, Dundee, going towards Reform Street, just as she was about to enter Reform Street. I have known Miss Milne since they had the Tobacconist's shop in Murraygate. She then occasionally assisted her brother in said shop. I have seen her frequently since, on the streets of Dundee. I have no doubt in my own mind that it was Miss Milne I saw on either of these two dates mentioned. On going home in the evening, I mentioned to my family that I had seen Miss Milne in Bank Street that afternoon.

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JOHN FARLEY BRAID, "48", Cashier, 4 Aberlemno Terrace, Dundee,  
states:-

I am an Elder in the Rev. Mr Shaw's church, Dundee. I cannot say definitely that Miss Milne was in church on the 13th of October, but I believe she was. I saw her in High Street, Dundee, about 2 p.m., one day. She was then crossing the street, but I cannot fix a date; it might be either a few days before the 13th or a few days after the 13th.

*Gives to P.F. on 20/12/12.*

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Copy.

Central Police Chambers,  
GREENOCK, 18th December, 1912.

Dear Sir,

The accompanying statement was communicated to me the other day, and, while it may have no reference to Warner, I send you it so that you may judge of its value.

I am,  
truly yours,

(Signed) John W. Angus,

Chief Constable.

The Chief Constable,  
Burgh Police Office,  
BROUGHTY FERRY.

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GREENOCK POLICE.

ARCHIBALD McPHAIL, Painter, residing at 29 Kelly Street, Greenock,  
says:-

Shortly after 6 p.m. of 29th October 1912, a man called at the Masonic Temple, West Stewart Street, Greenock, while I was there, and asked assistance, which he was refused, but was asked to attend a Masonic Meeting the following day when his case would be considered, but this he failed to do. He stated he was a French Canadian and a Doctor by profession, but that he had obtained employment in Belfast as a Draughtsman.

On learning that a man named Warner had since been arrested in connection with the murder of Miss Milne at Broughty Ferry, I have thought that Warner may be the person who called at the Masonic Temple here on the date mentioned.

The man of whom I speak was between 35 and 40 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches in height, reddish fair hair, thinks clean shaven, fresh complexion; dressed in blue cloth jacket suit, black bowler hat, folding down collar, and tie; carried an umbrella, and spoke with a distinct foreign accent. He stated that he had pledged his overcoat.

*Given to P.F. on 21/12/12.*

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Copy.

Central Police Office,  
LIVERPOOL, W., 19th December, 1912

To the Chief Constable,  
BROUGHTY FERRY.

Dear Sir,

Charles Warner.

I beg to send the enclosed copy report in reply to your letter of the 15th instant.

I return the photograph.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) W. Alinth,  
Asst. Head Constable.

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Divisional Detectives 17-12-12.  
The Det. Superintendent,  
"A" Division.

Charles Warner.- Murder.

I beg to report that Frank Oakes, Assistant Booking Clerk to Thomas Cook & Sons, 49 Lord Street, Liverpool, issued a ticket on the 19th September 1912, from Liverpool to Antwerp via Harwich and boat direct, for which he charged 30/-.

The ticket was issued to a Mr Walker, who gave his address as 10 Riversdale Road, Seacombe.

Oakes cannot identify the photograph of Warner as the man to whom he issued the ticket, and has no recollection of the transaction.

I understand that the Chief Constable of Broughty Ferry made an enquiry at Riversdale Road, Seacombe, when he was here, respecting Warner having resided there.

(Signed) James McCoy, D.P.S. 24 A.

Submitted,

17-12-12.

(Signed) R. -----?  
Det. Supt.

The Chief Supt., "A". (99) Given to P.F. on 21/12/12

Copy.

Fingerprint Department,  
New Scotland Yard,  
LONDON, S.W.,  
20th day of December, 1912.

Sir,

Re. finger marks on door plate.

In reply to your communication dated <sup>the</sup> 19th inst., I have to inform you that the finger marks on the door plate do not possess any clearly defined characteristic detail, consequently they are useless for the purposes of comparison with the fingerprints of any person.

I am returning the door plate this day.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) M.L. Macnaghten.

The Chief Constable,  
Burgh Police,  
BROUGHTY FERRY.

*Original given to P.F., 21/12/12.*

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NORVAL SCRYMGEOUR, "42", Journalist, Helen Bank, Longforgan ,  
Perthshire, states:-

On Monday, 21st October 1912, about 12 noon, I saw the deceased Miss Milne at the top of Reform Street, Dundee. She was crossing over Meadowside as if going to the Courier Office, but I do not know whether she went there or not. I have known Miss Milne for the last year as being an eccentric lady. I never spoke to her. As far as I can remember, she was wearing a light dust cloth cloak and a hat with some feathers in it, of a light colour. I was then staying in St. Andrews, and that date was the day before my birthday (22nd October 1912). That is what fixed the date in my mind, as I came to Dundee to make some purchases for my birthday celebration on the following day. I have no doubt that it was Miss Milne I saw, as on seeing the report in the newspapers on 4th November 1912, I made the remark to my wife that the report was wrong, as I had seen her on Monday, 21st October 1912, in Meadowside, Dundee. I am also quite sure she was light coloured dressed, as I thought she was too light dressed for the time of year.

*Original given to P.S. on 23/12/12.*

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ELIZABETH DAVIDSON OR DUNBAR, "55", wife of and residing with Thomas Scott Dunbar, Clothier, 1 Camperdown Place, Broughty Ferry, states:-

I remember on 2nd November 1911 I was coming down Reform Street, Dundee. The way I know the date is, - that was the date of Mr Watt's, Louise Terrace, funeral. While I was passing Lamb's Hotel, a gentleman came out of Lamb's, wiping his mouth. He was dressed in a silk hat. He travelled down Reform Street in front of me, and joined the Broughty Ferry car. I also joined the same car. The gentleman asked me where Grove Road was. I told him he could come off at Ellieslea Road and save a halfpenny. This gentleman came off at Ellieslea Road.

From the photographs of the suspect Warner, I am almost sure that he is the man who travelled with me in said car on that date, and I think I would know him again if I saw him.

On some date in September 1912, - I cannot give the date, - I travelled by car to Dundee. The deceased Miss Milne joined the same car at Ellieslea Road, and tendered the car conductor one sovereign for her fare, and the conductor could not change it. I offered Miss Milne twopence to pay her fare, remarking I would get it again. She thanked me and said she would pay me again. I have never been paid. I have never seen Miss Milne since.

*Original given to P.F. on 23/12/12*