

THE BILSTON MURDER.—CONFESSION OF ONE OF THE MEN.

named Bagott, at Hilton, Staffordshire. One of the men, named Maddocks, has made a confession, implicates an associate, named Brandrick, as the driver. He says that Bagott's house was entered by two of his associates, whilst he was appointed to watch, but that in seeing a policeman approach he fled away, and on returning one of his confederates

stated to "put a knife into him for having deserted post." The statement made by Maddocks is very idiosyncratic, and delivered in the dialect of the county, is understandable. It appears, however, that he David Brandrick, after the murder, took the road to Birmingham. Calling on an aunt of Brandrick, at Kley, near Birmingham, they told her that they had

row with the police. This was on the Sunday morning, the murder having been committed about midnight of Saturday, the 29th September. From Brand's aunt's house they go to a spirit shop and spend a day, and whilst there Brandrick tells Maddocks to "cover up; for if anything comes of this 'arc job' I's to see, and not you." Then the aunt of this man comes to Brand's house, and says to him, "I've come to Brand's house, and I've come to see you."

"You must come to my home and go to bed, mother will be over here the first train in the morning and then she will let you know how it is." We was down with his aunt home (me and David), to go to bed. I says to him, "What did you mean by talking in public that public-house where we was drinking in going to me, cheer up! before a box full of com-

like that? Why, he says, 'because you all there
as is lost, like as if you had nothing to say, and
'known.' Between eight and nine in the Monday
ing two of his cousins came up stairs crying, one of
says, 'Ah, David, this is a fine setting about the
'; it's stuck on the wall all over Birmingham the
option of you, how you was dressed, and what you

They've to you with cord trousers on, make black velvet cap away, that's the description of you all.' He pulls them trousers off, and puts a pair of trousers on belonging to his cousin, and either the or the cousin made away with the cap and burnt it in fire. About ten or eleven his mother came. She was up stairs crying, and says, 'Ah David, you've burnt the cap and trousers away.' He says, 'I've burnt the cap and trousers away.' He says, 'I've burnt the cap and trousers away.'

at this time; you've missed it this journey. He
to her, 'What is the matter! Why do you come
and bothering here about! Go down stairs;
I've done nothing; have I, Will! I say, 'No; not
am aware of; you've done nothing.' His mother
down stairs at that. So, when his mother went
stairs, I says, 'David, how is it you didn't tell me
a, as you'd committed this deed?' He says to me,

...that's nothing, I might as well have killed him
I was on. If I hadn't killed him he would have
ruined me.' I says, 'It's a fine thing to go and take
man's life the way as you did, and not to tell me
about it, not till I found it out on the Monday
mornin'.' He says, 'Not only that, if there had been
fire in the grate, or any means of making fire, I'd

burnt him alive. No one ever laid hands on the besides myself. I suppose I shall have to suffer for it's proved against me. The man as was with me, as as bad as you was, he wouldn't come a-nigh me, let me in any shape whatever.' He says he strangled himself, and the other man didn't assist him in no whatever. David Brandrick is the man that com-

the murder, and no other man; and William is the man that entered the premises with him. I am Mulligan, howsoever, that's the name as I've always known him by. I never saw Jukes, Webb, or Lilley after twelve o'clock. I told these three that I and they were as innocent as possible. So kes.

to take their trial. When they were told in the cells they must now go back to Stafford Gaol, they all festered the utmost reluctance to leave; and the more minded of them refused to come out, until the police officers were about to take the necessary steps to lead them. From Bilston to Wolverhampton, where they were put upon the North-Western Railway, they

taken in an omnibus guarded by Colonel Hogg and
 ten of his men. A large amount of sympathy
 displayed in their favour by a numerous crowd who
 assembled at the police station to see them depart;
 the prisoners were disposed to manifest a little obsti-
 nacy at Wolverhampton, the station was besieged by
 us curious to see them go off; and whilst the pri-

was partaking of the retirement, Jones delivered a "oration," the subject of which was the "Approach Path to Old Age." Lilley conducted himself with bravado that has all along characterised him. He loudly and loudly criticised the personal appearance of the different persons who were most prominent in the crowd at the station; and when the train abouted a "good bye" and waved his cane.

was continued utterly indifferent to anything that was going on; but Prandrick was beginning to break down. As they had once more been placed under lock and key, several of them attempted to strangle Naddocks, who was consequently removed from that cell and placed in another. A guard had to be placed over the ruffians during the night; and yet they made an attempt to

The attempt was discovered in time to prevent the accomplices from accomplishing their design. The police are not without hope that the arrest of these prisoners may lead to the detection of the perpetrators of the last murder which was committed in Hilsdon—that of the boatman, who, on his way home, a few months ago, was

laid at night, robbed, and his skull fractured by a
r. It is stated that soon after that offence—for the
ction of which the Government have offered a reward
100—the police were searching for Jones *alias* Mul-
an, but their efforts were unsuccessful. Maddocks is
to have been convicted nearly thirty times.

THE MILTOWN-ROAD OUTRAGE.
We recorded last week the circumstances connected with a gross outrage perpetrated by a catman on a young lady near Dублин. For some time the miscreant defied the vigilance of the police, but he was captured Saturday last. His name is Curran.

The Freeman's Journal states that on the prisoner being taken down stairs to the cell after the out-

On being taken down stairs to the cell after the execution, on Saturday, vast crowds assembled in Dame-st, and the places from which a view could be obtained of the prisoner when he would be conducted to the place van that was in waiting at the end of Exchange-st. The steps and railings of the City-hall were completely thronged, and all the windows of the houses in the locality were occupied. A large detachment of the

under the direction of Mr. Inspector Donovan, much difficulty in keeping the passage clear. The woman assembled was the wife of the prisoner. She is an exceedingly good looking woman, and apparently not more than 23 years of age. At a quarter of three o'clock the prisoner was conducted from the van to the police station, and when he was recognized by

received with a long shout or yell, which was continued until he was placed in the van, which drove off. Althamham Prison soon became a place. The was a place of the ordinary cells. No strangers were allowed to have any intercourse with him, but, from all that could be learned on Sunday, whenever he spoke of the offence which he stands charged he stoutly asserted his innocence. Mr. Little, counsel for the defence, was present.

Miss Jett arrived in town from the county Saturday, in company with her mother, apparently much improved in health. On Friday when the inspection of men was taking place she remained in one of the boxes of the Commissioners of Police, which commanded a view of the inner Castle-yard, and although car-drivers entering some hundreds had been paraded, she did not betray the slightest emotion. But at the time the

John Curran was brought into the yard in custody of seven, Meyers, Doyle, and Dawson, of the G Division, became fearfully agitated, and the horrors of "the terrible night" seemed to come upon the poor young lady with fearful force. She trembled from head to foot, and was so excited that she had to be led away from the window. It was evident that the young lady

suffered from the carbonic oxide which she had inhaled; and, owing to the shock which she had received, was not able to appear on Saturday when Curran was brought up for examination. It is stated that the boy, who is now in town under the care of her mother, is ill as to require the greatest care and attention, and for this reason it will be absolutely necessary for the authorities to issue such instructions as will keep the

and-office perfectly clear of idlers and sight-seers on day next, when it is to be hoped the lady's health be so far improved as to enable her on that day to present to give her evidence.

The arrest and examination of CURTAN was the all-absorbing topic through the city on Sunday, and the latest excitement prevails amongst every class of the

community on the subject. The police have not relaxed their efforts in the least in searching for evidence, and it is likely that the cabmen will lodge the £25 which they were offered as a reward for the apprehension and conviction of the criminal who committed the unmanly and brutal outrage on a defenceless lady confided to his care.

and various disabilities, and especially those checked

EARL RUSSELL'S VISIT TO THE NORTH

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