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TRAGIC STORY OF DEATH PACT

That Johnstone Told to His Lawyer, S. H. Wardell.

HIGHLY DRAMATIC DETAILS

Claims That He and Kate Hassett Had Agreed to Commit Suicide Together in Philadelphia.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Press says: Highly dramatic in its details is the death-bed confession of Barry Johnstone, the actor who killed Kate Hassett, an actress, in Philadelphia, a week ago.

Johnstone died Sunday of self-inflicted wounds. On Saturday afternoon he told the story of the murder to his counsel, Samuel H. Wardell, of this city. This confession was made public by Wardell.

It had been supposed he had planned their suicide. Now it appears she suggested it and many times discussed it with him. At last Johnstone decided to carry out her desire. It was for this purpose he came to this city and bought a brace of pistols. Then he returned to Philadelphia and challenged Miss Hassett to end all. She refused. He forced the revolver into her hand. She fired at him. Wounded, he killed her and then sent a bullet into his own body, which finally caused death. Here is Johnstone's own statement:

"I came on to New York to open with Mansfield, but went to Philadelphia to see my mother and I went to her room in her boarding house on Wednesday afternoon. I said: 'I have surprised you. I want the truth. She said I was the only man in the world for her.'"

"I went back to the house at 3 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 29. I saw a light in her room and I went in another room on the floor above."

"She got up and called to me. I said I was there to ask the truth. She said to get in her room and I went successful. I had her good night and went away. In the evening I went to the house, but she was not in. I left a note saying I wanted to see her. She sent word that she would see me at 5 o'clock the next afternoon."

"I met her at 5 and told her she could not make a fool out of me. She said I was mistaken and there was nothing wrong."

"I told her she lied—she had been a bad woman for eight years. She said the man I accused was a nice fellow, but that was all."

"I said, 'Minnie, you lie, and I won't stand it. I shall go to New York to-night.' She seemed anxious to get me away."

"On acquaintance with Miss Hassett began in the season of 1901-02, when we were in Mme. Modjeska's company."

"After my season closed she came to New York ostensibly to look for engagements and to study, but really to be with me. We lived in a boarding house. To blind her husband she brought a woman friend on from Chicago."

THE DEATH SCENE.

"After that she went to Chicago to be with her husband, but came back to me to board in West One Hundred and Fifth street. It was in this place she met a man who called there."

"In Philadelphia at a matinee I saw her with this man. I went to her room surreptitiously. The door was locked. I went to the room directly over hers and found a rope. I tied it to a shutter hinge and let myself down, hand under hand, to her window. I went in. She was there."

"Why, Barry?" she said.

"I have found you out," I said. You have been lying to me."

"You're crazy in thinking of such a thing," was her answer.

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die together," I said when we reached her room. "I have nothing to live for. Now, here is your pistol and here is mine."

"I shoved one of the pistols in her hand, saying: 'Take it, quick! You have often dared me to commit suicide with you.'"

"She grabbed the revolver out of my hand and shot me. I then shot at her. I cannot remember just how many times I fired. I think it was two or three."

"I did not plan to murder Kate Hassett. If she had persisted in refusing to take the revolver I should have thrown it at her feet and gone away."

"She first suggested the idea of suicide at Memphis. I had upbraided her for her extravagance."

"Then she suggested that we kill ourselves. She said we never could live apart. Afterward in Springfield, Mo., she wanted to do the same thing, asking if I did not love her enough to die with her. She took a knife and tried to kill herself. I took it away."

"In New Orleans, March, 1901, and in Niagara Falls she again asked me to commit suicide."

"She induced me to drink absinthe with her. I never had drunk it before. This was in New Orleans. I drank a great deal of it in New York and Philadelphia, before the shooting took place."

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STRATHROY'S WAY OF BIBLE WORK

Rev. H. McColl Describes Plans of Bible Society Branch.

To the Editor of The Advertiser.

At the suggestion and request of the permanent secretary of the Western Ontario Auxiliary Bible Society, Rev. J. H. Orme, London, and with a view to give some hints that may be helpful in other places, I now venture to give a brief sketch or synopsis of the methods adopted by the Strathroy Branch Bible Society. During the past year this branch contributed, including a legacy of \$100, the sum of \$325, and it was gratifying to learn that the efforts put forth had evoked the cordial appreciation of the committee of the London auxiliary. We have what may be called an annual campaign extending over about three months. Early in July we begin by having a meeting of committee, which is almost always well attended, and at which the year's work is all considered and laid out. Arrangements are made to interview the ladies appointed to collect, and to secure their consent, in order to avoid any possible disappointment or friction. For many years we have had what may be called a "social gathering" of the committee and collectors. This is held in some residence as more suitable to its object and conducive to its success, and some of the best homes in our town have been cheerfully opened for the purpose. There is Scripture reading, prayer, singing, short addresses and a free interchange of views and sentiments. We have found these meetings very successful, especially to the collectors, and the last for 1902, held Aug. 27, was more largely attended and felt to be more profitable than any of the previous ones. Two new features which, no doubt, contributed to this result, all friends of the Bible cause were invited to attend, and special notice was called to the time for the collection of funds. For several reasons we have found this the best time, and the collectors are supplied with collecting books by the secretary in due season.

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