

PLAIN MARY ANN.

A Remarkable Adventuress in the Clutches of the Law.

SHE HAD FORTY NAMES.

The History of Mrs. Gordon Baillie, the Handsome Scotchwoman, Who Posed as "The Crofter's Friend"—Seems to Prefer a Prison.

The committal of Mrs. Annie Frost, alias Mrs. Gordon Baillie, on Friday last on a charge of fraud, has revived the interest shown a few years ago in this remarkable adventuress, says Black and White. Her career has been of an extraordinary description. Mary Ann Sutherland—our heroine—was born in Peterhead, in the north of Scotland, in 1848. Her mother was the daughter of a carter in Perth, and travelled about the district with a man named Sutherland, who dealt in pork and other delicacies. Mary Ann in after years claimed to be highly connected, and spent her early years in the Buchan district, "travelling" with her mother to Dundee. Presently she appeared in Peterhead and Aberdeen as a Bible woman. She was a very active revivalist and was considered a woman of great piety, attending and addressing religious meetings.

She is described at that time as being of very prepossessing appearance, having a good figure, pretty eyes and pale complexion. In 1869 she managed in some way to reach Rome, Turin and Paris, and returned to Dundee in 1872, where she started a career which fittingly closed in Perth prison. On her release Edinburgh became her headquarters, until she fled to London and took a large house in St. James' Terrace, Regent's Park, and Miss Ogilvy Bruce—she was her new name—would be seen giving along every day in a carriage and pair. The lavishly furnished house in St. James' Terrace had been secured on the same plan as that adopted in Dundee in 1872, and three months later the possibilities of the metropolis in this direction. The lady's next exploit was the renting of a mansion and shootings in the Highlands at Moulaik near Beaulieu, at a rent of £300 for the six months. Accompanied by a young man in the capacity of "private secretary"—her former private secretary was at this time undergoing penal servitude—Miss Bruce put herself in communication with the leading firms in Inverness who cater for the wants of sportsmen and tourists during their brief stay in the Highlands, and cellar and wardrobe were furnished with the best.

Here she lived a fashionable life, priding herself on her Highland ancestors, producing the broadsword of her sires for the edification of her visitors, and to show her admiration for the names and customs of those among whom she had taken up her abode, she on special occasions donned the kilt and phly, with glengarry bonnet and Bruce crest, but this life of luxury and dissipation could not last forever. Traders were pressing for their money, and, of course, the lady again suddenly disappeared, leaving a train of bills as a memorial of her brief but memorable sojourn in the Highlands. Several huge, heavy boxes were embarked at the railway station by the landlady of the house and shootings, but their air owner, driven over in a smart dogcart, managed to step into the London train at another station on the line. The landlady, with thoughts of jewelry and plate, opened the boxes he had captured, to find them filled with bricks and straw.

We next hear of our heroine on Jan. 30th, 1877, in a magisterial inquiry at the Mansion House respecting charges against one Kate Miller, who was brought up on a warrant which included the name of Miss Bruce, not in custody—she had bolted to America—accused of conspiracy to defraud a number of merchants of their wares and obtaining £5,000 from a Mrs. Graham under false pretences. During the examination it appeared that an old baronet (now deceased) had assisted Miss Bruce to the extent of £5,000. In the Times of Feb. 21st, 1877, there is a condensed account of the inquiry, where it is disclosed that Miss Bruce had passed as the daughter of an earl, and that on Nov. 1st, 1876, she had been married to Thos. Whyte, otherwise known as Knight Astor, operating singly. The doings of the lady from this date till 1888, are not on record, except that she made a tour in America, Australia and New Zealand, carrying on her old parents in Melbourne and elsewhere. In 1885 she must have been in London, as on May 19th she figured as a Greek maiden in the opening tableau in the artists' costume "Hail at Prince's Hall," which the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the royal family were present.

She next appeared in Scotland as "The Crofter's Friend," under the name of Mrs. Gordon Baillie and collected subscriptions on her behalf. The Edinburgh Evening Dispatch unearthed her previous history and its exposure of the adventuress caused a great sensation at the time. Edinburgh being too hot for her, for she victimized many townsmen and big wigs in the city—including no less a personage than Prof. Blackie, who afterwards declared that such a witch of a woman would cheat the devil himself. London was again favored with Miss Bruce's patronage, and, under the name of Mrs. Annie Frost, she was charged on October 23rd, 1888, with a certain R. P. B. Frost, at the Central Criminal Court with conspiring to obtain goods by false pretences. The female prisoner had been representing that she was the owner of vast estates in Australia, and engaged in an extensive scheme of emigration to those estates and to Australia generally from the agricultural districts of the United Kingdom particularly from the crofters' districts of Scotland.

Inspector Marshall gave a history of her career in the court, and stated that she had assumed no less than 40 different names. He had complaints from all parts of the continent about the prisoner—from Turin (where she had undergone imprisonment), Florence, Rome, Brussels, also from all parts of Scotland, as well as Australia and New Zealand, from which she had returned on Nov. 1st, 1887, to Broadstairs, taking a house there with the prisoner Frost. She was sentenced to five years' penal servitude and as her sentence only expired in October last she has not lost much time in renewing operations. She once declared in the writer's hearing that any great disappointment would send her into a cloister. A prison, however, seems to be the residence preferred by this heroine.

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ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT.

An Old Lady Killed by a Beach Train.

Miss Graham's Sad End—Struck While Crossing the H. & N. W. Tracks at Robert Street on Saturday Evening—An Inquest Opened on Sunday Afternoon.

A fatal accident occurred at the Robert street crossing of the H. & N. W. R. on Saturday evening, the victim being Miss Sophia Graham, one of the best known and most respected of the old residents of Hamilton. Miss Graham, who was somewhat deaf as the result of old age, had been visiting friends on Victoria avenue north, and was returning to her home on James street north by taking a short cut through Robert street and across the railway tracks a little distance north of Cannon street. Just as she reached the tracks the beach train due here at 7.30, which was ten minutes late, turned the curve entering upon Ferguson avenue. Aware of her dangerous position and becoming bewildered by the multiplicity of tracks, the old lady, instead of continuing across the track, turned and attempted to retrace her steps. Just as she had one foot over the outer rail the engine struck her and being caught by the cow-catcher she was thrown to one side, striking her head on a rail of the siding at Peregrine's wood yard. The train was stopped and some of the train hands tenderly lifted the injured woman and placed her on a car and she was taken to the King Street Depot, where the services of Dr. Malloch were secured and she was made as comfortable as possible.

But until the ambulance arrived, she recovered consciousness at the depot, and beyond the gash in the back of her head was thought to have escaped serious injury. On the way to the hospital, however, she was evidently suffering intense agony and twice the ambulance had to be stopped the officers in charge thinking the unfortunate lady was dead. Each time, however, she revived and maintained a brave exterior until received into the hospital. A brief examination convinced Drs. Malloch and Edgar that Miss Graham was fatally injured. For the next half hour their patient had conscious intervals, but said little except referring to her injuries. Death relieved her suffering about 8.30. Four ribs were smashed in on her left side and besides the gash in the back of her head there was also a fracture of the base of the skull.

The beach train was in charge of Conductor Gibson and Engineer W. Holden. The latter did not see Miss Graham until too late to avoid the accident. This is explained by the sharp curve made by the track a few yards north of where the accident occurred. Robert street is only continued for half the distance between Cathcart street and Ferguson avenue, owing to the railway yards and H. & N. W. main line. A couple of men walking along Ferguson avenue were eye-witnesses of the accident.

Deceased was the elder of the Misses Graham, who have carried on a stamping and ladies' art work establishment at No. 42 James street north for over 20 years. Two nieces, the Misses Stewart, lived with the Misses Graham, and, with their aunt, are bowed down with grief. The Graham's tall, erect figure and keen, kindly face surrounded by silvery hair were well known among the ladies of this city. The funeral takes place to-day, and the interment will be at St. Andrew's, where a nephew of deceased, a physician, resides.

AN INQUEST OPENED. At the request of the relatives of deceased, Coroner Woolverton ordered an inquest, and P. C. Venard empaneled the following jury at the City Hospital on Sunday afternoon: Messrs. L. Stuart (foreman), C. L. Smith, Fred Dowdall, Thomas Wilson, John Martin, Fred Moore, W. C. Southwell, Thomas Epps, Harry Bradt, A. Culp, James Hamilton, E. Elms, Elisha Burnham, James Horron, J. C. Harris, Thomas Graham, Willis Cushman, Charles Dallyu and Joseph Graham. After viewing the body the inquest was adjourned until Tuesday evening at the hospital. Coroner Woolverton was of the opinion that it would be illegal to take sworn depositions on Sunday.

THE FUNERAL. Many old friends of deceased were present at the funeral, which took place this morning from Pratt's unpacking rooms to the Grand Trunk depot. Rev. Dr. Fraser conducted the service, and the pall-bearers were Messrs. George Le Riche, J. W. Mattice, John Heritage, Robert Leslie, Thomas Lees and Alex. McPherson.

A MUTUAL SURPRISE. They were sitting on the sofa in the first sweet rupture that follows the confession of a mutual and undying regard. Her head was on his shoulder. Her right hand lay tenderly clasped in his. His left arm encircled her waist and their lips met at frequent intervals. The breast of the maiden was filled with flutterings of intense happiness; with the joy of an ambition gratified; of a goal attained. For had she not brought him to the point at last! Nevertheless she said shyly, while intermittent little blushes chased the roses swiftly over her fair young face. "Oh, Charlie, this is such a surprise. When you began to speak I hadn't the slightest idea that you were going to say—to say that, you know." "No," replied Charlie, with direct and unnecessary frankness. "By Jove! Neither had I!"

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