

Appendix IV.

"And then, instead of answering me 'No,' he said, 'Ich habe es gethan' ('I have done it')."

"He had confessed, and I spoke to him—'Christ have mercy upon your soul'; and I believe his very last words were as he fell, 'My God, I feel sure of it.'"

After each recital of this story, Dr. Cappel made running comments on Müller's demeanour and previous conversations he had with him. These I also took down, and the tenour of them was that Müller had never denied unequivocally that he had attacked Mr. Briggs; he always fenced the question, and Dr. Cappel's theory was that Müller declined to admit himself guilty of murder because he had not premeditated it.

Dr. Cappel evidently afterwards desired to make the confession a little more definite than his first record justified; and in his subsequent accounts of what occurred he inserted the word "Ja," or "Yes," before the "I have done it," making out that Müller answered "Yes" to his question whether God knew that he had done this particular deed. In his original account he says, "Instead of answering 'No,' he said, 'I have done it.'" In his subsequent accounts he seems to have assumed that Müller said "Yes" because he did not say "No." In this Dr. Cappel was wrong.

The curious will find in the record of the execution in the *Times* second edition a true version of the story. In the next day's *Times* the "Yes" was inserted, so that it is probable Dr. Cappel may have thought of the "Yes" before nightfall. I am certain the "Yes" was added, because it happened that Mr. Sarlsby did not take down Dr. Cappel's account of the matter. I read my notes to him before leaving the prison, and, as we were doing so, Dr. Cappel came up, and not only approved their accuracy but actually wrote the important sentence, "Ich habe es gethan," in Mr. Sarlsby's notebook. He did not write "Ja" before it. Still, it may be taken that Müller confessed to the fact, but declined to admit that he had committed murder. Dr. Cappel's words were as I have set them down, and every one can construe them for himself.—
Yours, &c.,

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MÜLLER'S LAST WORDS.

(To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*.)

Sir,—I have read with much interest the letter of my old friend, Mr. Frederick Wicks, on this subject, and from the accounts which my late father (whose name you misprint