

*By Miss Macphail:*

Q. You do not observe him—from distaste or just from indifference?—A. No. It is more from the scientific point of view that I observe. You see, my work in the hospital is in the same building. The scaffold is right close to the hospital; so all I have to do is step out of my room—out of my office.

Q. You have just stated that you did not observe the hangman. What I wondered was why you did not. Was it because you have instinctively a distaste for the task that he performs and therefore for him?—A. Well, if I would observe the hangman, I would not be able to observe the man who is hanged; it is done so quickly. From a scientific point of view, the other one interests me more than the hangman.

*By Mr. Howden:*

Q. We have asked you the longest period of time that has elapsed between the drop and the cessation of circulation. Will you tell us the shortest period of time?—A. Oh, four minutes.

Q. Four minutes?—A. Yes.

Q. In the instances where the process of life extinction was apparently delayed, would you be inclined to think that those cases were cases of strangulation?—A. Yes.

Q. Suffocation?—A. Yes.

Q. You would?—A. Strangulation.

Q. Strangulation?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Blair:*

Q. Why did you change your hangman?—A. Oh, I do not know why. I am not an official. I am just there from the scientific point of view, according to my work.

Q. In your case where the woman had her head pulled off, did her friends see her afterwards?—A. I do not think so.

Q. It is reported that they did, doctor.—A. I do not think so. I think she was put in—how do you say it—a casket, and that was all.

Q. Are the others shown to their friends? Do the friends see the others?—A. I do not think so, sir.

Q. You do not know?—A. Maybe a brother or—they are sent from the jail to the cemetery. I do not think they are seen by anyone.

Q. No. We have had reports that they were seen.

*By Mr. Hamilton:*

Q. Did you ever see any executions by gas, doctor?—A. No.

Q. Just by hanging?—A. That is the only thing, yes.

*By Mr. Howden:*

Q. Have you had any experience with any other form of death punishment?—A. No.

Q. None at all?—A. No, I have not.

Q. Have you formed, in your own mind, any idea as to the relative merits or demerits as between hanging and death punishment by lethal gas?—A. It is a personal opinion.

Q. Quite so. What is your personal opinion?—A. I would not change.

Q. You would not change?—A. No.

*By Mr. Plaxton:*

Q. What are the reasons?—A. The reasons? There is one. When you hang a man, or when you give him lethal gas, you do not do that just to get rid of him. You do it on the basis of justice and you do it on the basis of giving an example to others.