

left his job in a fit of mental aberration. As evidence of this a letter was found in the pocket of the deceased addressed to Lord Strathearn, in which Gate asserts his inability to attend the official work.

Gate had left his father busied some time before the dreadful act was committed. They had been playing a game of hide-and-seek in the garden, when suddenly the boy got up, went about a hundred yards to his own sleeping place, locked himself in his room, stood before the mirror and fired the fatal shot.