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### Granting a Reprieve.

THE SECRETARY'S POWERS.

The case of Alexander Campbell, who was sentenced to death for the murder of the British agent, reintroduces the public to the interesting prerogative possessed by a single State official, at his behest, the whole machinery of the law may be set on wheels and a decision overruling the Courts undertaken. It is the last resort of the direct to the Home Secretary. And in this case this final appeal tri-

It is customary for the Home Secretary, in cases of appeal to him, to call in his legal advisers, of the Crown, whose judicial experience and judgment is utilized to guide the official mind. In the case of Mason, the Crown's legal advisers, together with Sir Archibald Bodkin and Sir Richard Muir, both of whom were concerned in the prosecution of Mason, were summoned to assist the Home Secretary.

Sir Archibald Bodkin was known as a most humane prosecuting counsel. In the Starchfield murder case, where the father was charged with killing in a railway train his own little fat-haired boy, a street news-vendor, Sir Archibald performed an act almost unknown in big murder trials. After having led his own evidence against Starchfield, Sir Archibald turned to the judge and asked that the case be stopped. He declared there were discrepancies in the testimony of his witnesses as to the clothes worn by Starchfield when he was supposed to kill his son; and he would not go to the jury on such discrepancies. In this the judge concurred, and Starchfield walked out of the dock. And here, in the Mason case, Sir Archibald's humane consideration exerted itself on behalf of the Scottish prisoner—the man who said he was innocent and would die as a Scotsman. Sir Richard Muir, who opposed Mason at the trial, it is to be remembered, is a Greenock man, a fellow-Scot. He it was who convicted Crippen. But Sir Richard also is a very humane counsel.

Harking back to another great appeal case, that of Oscar Slater, of 14 years ago, here the Scottish Secretary (who fulfils the same function in the case of crimes committed in Scotland as the Home Secretary does for England), called in Lord Haldane, the famous Scottish legal luminary, to advise him; and although everything is a secret that passed between them, it is generally supposed that Lord Haldane advised there were doubts enough to warrant a reprieve—a decision that received the approval of Sir Marshall Hall and many other great legal luminaries. On that point, by the way, the great English law authority, Sir Herbert Stephen, declared that the case against Starchfield, which Sir Archibald

Bodkin stopped, was stronger than against Oscar Slater. That shows how great legal minds study the evidence and weigh everything up from a judicial standpoint.

**The Secretary's Powers.**  
Apart from any actual petition for reprieve lodged in his hands, the State Secretary may grant this act of clemency upon other grounds. That was the case, for example, of James Bone, the Glenbuck miner, who was sentenced to death in Glasgow High Court by Lord Ardwall for the murder of his wife. Some doubts were expressed at the time regarding the sanity of Bone, whose behaviour in the dock was altogether unique—pleading guilty for one thing. The feeling that he was a half-crazy creature so much influenced the Court that the legal gentleman who was acting as Advocate Deputy, asked all the witnesses this question—“Did you think he was twice—you know what I mean by that good, plain, Scotch word ‘twice’?”

After his condemnation and removal to Ayr prison, medical examination was made of him again, and later the Scottish Secretary intervened and ordered a reprieve. To indicate the condition of Bone's mind further, when the Ayr officials visited him in his cell and told him he was reprieved, Bone looked up amazed and asked, “What do you mean by that—I want to be whaur my wife is!”

Perhaps the biggest rumpus that was ever kicked up over the decline of the Scottish Secretary to move in a petition for reprieve occurred in the West of Scotland just fifty years ago. Two Fort-Glasgow poachers, of whom Mullins was one, had been condemned to death for the shooting of a gamekeeper who had come upon them while they were out on poaching bent. It had been suggested in the evidence that the gamekeeper had acted too aggressively and induced the poachers to shoot. A vigorous attempt was made all over the West of Scotland to save them from the gallows. However, despite a widely-signed petition, the Scottish Secretary declined to respond, and the two poachers were executed in Duke Street Prison, Glasgow.

That agitation in favor of Mullins and his associate recalled, in the fervor of the movement, the hue-and-cry some months ago to save Mrs. Thompson from the gallows. Here also, there being two persons concerned, the State Secretary could not very well allow one off without making matters a great deal worse; while both obviously could not get off for a murder so coldly prepared and executed.

**The Whiteinch Case.**  
Where there are two persons, and a request for reprieve is asked for one, the Secretary of State seldom intervenes. The setting up of an anomaly or partiality in favour of one person is what the law tries always to avoid. It is the worst of all judgment to save one and execute another. However, such a step was actually undertaken in connection with the death sentence passed upon William Harkness and Mrs. Harkness for the murder in Whiteinch in October, 1921, of the little message girl, Lizzie Benjamin. Here, without any statement in evidence emerging to warrant such a recommendation, the jury added a rider to their verdict that they extend to Mrs. Harkness a plea for mercy—which the Secretary for Scotland accepted and interposed with a reprieve.

The interference of the jury in this way irrevocably sent Harkness to the gallows—as the Secretary could not doubly in such a brutal crime extend the act of clemency—and yet those who were in the closest contact in prison with Harkness were agreed that he was the less guilty of the two. Indeed, the highest possible authority on that point indicated to the writer, while he was handling the pack of cards with which Harkness had played “Patience” in the condemned cell, that he was satisfied Harkness did not kill the girl. The fault of his death really lay with the jury's rider; as no doubt, in mercy to the woman, they thought they were doing a very humane act. But they forgot that Harkness could not, as a man, go into the box and say anything against his wife. So, even where a jury wishes to show its humanity, we see here the grave danger of going beyond the evidence.

Perhaps the one case in Scotland for the past generation where not a word of regret or a solitary cry for

reprieve was uttered concerned the death of Fraser and Rollins, the two Queen's Park murderers. The public mind never veered in its detestation of the pair of sulking ruffians; and not a drop of ink was spilled in writing to the Scottish Secretary over their fate. When the jury retired for consideration of their verdict, and the prisoners were momentarily taken downstairs to the cells, big Fraser, the Australian, remarked quite unaffectedly, “I am afraid there's only one way out of this, and that's at the end of the rope!”

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### Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

**THE BROTHERHOOD OF CARE.**  
I saw a troubled man to-day,  
A stranger's face which plainly told  
Some anxious care had come his way  
It looked so raw and old.

He smiled not when the feet went round  
And shared not in the cheer,  
But kept his eyes upon the ground  
Like one who does not hear.

A wild canary's silver throat  
Poured music from a tree—  
The bird which owns so sweet a note  
He never turned to see.

Oh, I myself have sat that way,  
Held fast by grief or care;  
I, too, have lived my troubled day  
In darkness and despair.

I have been blinded to delight  
And descended to the test,  
And stared awake to nurse at night  
The sorrow in my breast.

And though he would not know my name,  
Or guess that I was there,  
I brooded with him just the same  
And made for him a prayer.

God help him to be strong, said I,  
God help him to be true;  
In this, his hour of doubt, he sigh  
And bring him safely through.

### Five Bits of Education.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

Dr. Murray Butler, President of the University of Columbia, in an address in the London vacation course for teachers, gave an interesting estimate of real values in education as they appear in an eminent American teacher. In America, he said, there was a growing question as to whether the great educational system was achieving results adequate to its cost, and that question must be dealt with in a frank and open fashion. The point to be met was why it was that with all the expenditure on educational development there seemed to be a gap between educational ideals and the results in the public opinion of the world.

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