

83. Then at that time you did not think I was inclined to shield Mrs. Boyd, when I put you specially on this case?—Evidently the police had received information prior to me.

84. Did I not send you and give you a free hand to get up all the evidence you could about the case?—Yes; and I was obstructed by the police as soon as I got on the track of it.

85. Did you report to me you were obstructed?—Yes; I reported to you personally, and in writing.

86. That was after the case was called and dismissed?—Before the case was on. I reported that the man named William Woods had informed me that my private information that had been submitted to you had been taken to a common brothel for the information of Mrs. Boyd, and also of her solicitor, Mr. McConnell; and also that a constable (I will not mention his name) had taken the evidence there, and that the constable was cloaking this common brothel.

87. That is, the whole sum and substance of the charge depends on what Woods told you?—Yes, and what George Wakefield also told me.

88. Are you sure that the Crown Prosecutor did not appear in that case?—He may have been there.

89. Will you swear that I conducted the case; or did the Crown Prosecutor conduct the case? I cannot remember, but I believe it was the Inspector.

90. Whoever conducted, whether myself or the Crown Prosecutor, the case was committed for trial?—Yes, on the concealment of the birth of a child.

91. What became of the case when it went up for trial?—The bill was thrown out, because the evidence was not taken.

92. Did the bill ever go before the Grand Jury?—I was not before the Grand Jury.

93. Then, the case you spent so much time and energy in getting up went to the winds in the Supreme Court?—Through your fault, in not bringing forward the evidence you should have done.

94. If you knew I had been neglecting my duty, why did you not go to the Crown Prosecutor and say, here are four witnesses who can prove so-and-so? The Crown Prosecutor was in the conspiracy I suppose?—It looked very much like it.

95. Does Woods say one word about me in his statement; does he ever mention my name?—No; he mentions Cullen's name.

96. Where did you get these papers?—I got them when I was in the Police Department.

97. Are these originals?—I really could not say. All I know is that they have been in my possession ever since the case. I put in these marked passages, as the original statements made to me, and which I handed to Mr. Pender, and these are the passages which I say suggested a charge of murder.

Christchurch Police Station, 29th April, 1883.

CONSTABLE G. Neale, No. 1553, begs to report in *re* concealment of a dead male child that was found on Easter Monday in Mrs. Boyd's garden.

*Jessie Thompson, going by the nick-name of the "Chestnut Filly," states that, on Friday, two days before Amy Dyson died, she told me that she was going to die through a kick that she had received from Mrs. Boyd some time before, saying that Mrs. Boyd had kicked her in the side and had knocked her about, and that she had been bad ever since she was knocked about. I know that Mrs. Boyd was the cause of her death: she was black and blue through the violence received from Mrs. Boyd. I know more, but I will not say any more now.*

Elizabeth Mason further states that, before I went to Dunedin, about five weeks ago, the brother of Ada Willet was sleeping with me one night, and he told me that he was at Mrs. Boyd's the other morning, and that he had picked up a dead child in Mrs. Boyd's place. I was in the Criterion Hotel one night before I went to Dunedin. I was in company with two girls called Miller and Nelly Ross. Nelly Ross said, "I will give that Amy Dyson a damned good hiding for taking my bloke away the other night." Miller said, "For God's sake do not touch the girl, she is in bed through Mother Boyd knocking her about and kicking her. Poor thing, she is very bad; she is black and blue, and she has got two black eyes." Nelly Ross did not go up to Mrs. Boyd's. I was in company with Amy Dyson about two months since, before I went to Dunedin, and she informed me on two or three different occasions that she was in the family way—that she was carrying a child.

The constable begs to submit that a violent assault has been committed by Mrs. Boyd, by kicking the deceased Amy Dyson in the side, and other ill-treatment, while carrying a child; also, the child that was found in Mrs. Boyd's garden was Amy Dyson's child; and that Amy Dyson has been in agony ever since she was kicked by Mrs. Boyd, Amy Dyson being in bed on the morning of the child being found. The constable will be able to furnish further evidence in this case by 9 p.m. on the 30th. Mrs. Boyd went to Wellington shortly after the child was found, and did not return until Thursday last, the 25th April.

GEORGE NEALE, Constable.

98. *Mr. Poynton.*] You think that evidence disclosed a murder case?—I do.

99. And you complain that this evidence was suppressed?—Yes.

100. *Inspector Pender.*] How long have you had these papers?—Ever since the Court case.

101. Then, if you sent them in to me, how comes it that you have them now?—You might have passed them on to me for some purpose or the other.

102. If I passed them out to you, how could I have had them in the Court?—They may have been in the Court case.

103. You think I gave them back to you?—Yes; you might have thought I was sore over the matter, and handed them back to me to look over.

104. You did not steal the papers?—I did not steal them.

105. How did you get them?—There comes the issue. I say I have no more idea, if I have any originals, how they came into my possession than a child unborn.

106. Were they not taken off some file; you see they are torn in the same place?—I unfortunately tore them myself.

107. On the report which you have read there is an original note opposite your remarks about Amy Dyson, as follows: "Doctor Doyle found no marks of violence:" is that in my handwriting?—Yes.

108. And you cannot give the Commission any idea as to how you became possessed of these papers?—None whatever.

109. Now, this morning, when you commenced your evidence, you were looking at these papers, and I asked you what they were, and you said they were notes taken at the time: why did you say