

Williams the Wife Murderer.

HANGED AT TORONTO.

John Williams who murdered his wife at Weston on the night of the 21st of September last, suffered the extreme penalty of the law at the gallows in Toronto, on Friday morning. Since his sentence on the 22nd of October, the condemned man has passed his time in a most exemplary manner.

Brought up by the jury's recommendation to mercy he imagined for some weeks that the death sentence would not be carried out, and even stated to the Governor of the gaol that something told him he was not to die. The Governor endeavored to disabuse his mind of this idea and to turn his thoughts in a different direction, but the prisoner never lost hope until Saturday week when the Sheriff visited the gaol and informed Mr. Green, the Governor, that he had received a telegram from Ottawa to the effect that the law must take its course. Mr. Green conveyed this information to the condemned man who said, on hearing it, "My God, is all hope gone?" After this he gave up all thought of a reprieve, and showed by his demeanour that he was trying to fix his thoughts on something higher and greater than life in this world. His daughters, four in number, visited the gaol on Tuesday for the purpose of wishing the unhappy father a last farewell. The interview, which lasted nearly two hours, was a most affecting one. The women hung about the unfortunate man, displaying the most poignant grief and uttering lamentations painful to hear. The prisoner, though much affected and nearly broken down under the stress laid upon his feelings, managed to restrain himself with the remarkable fortitude that has marked his life since the condemnation amid his fears which fell fast. He counselled them to lead good and virtuous lives, and if they did not meet with reward in this world, they surely would be acceptable in the eyes of their Maker. The young women reluctantly left, having the commiseration of all the officials of the jail. The Governor elicited from them a promise that none of them would visit the institution on the day of their father's death.

On the Wednesday following the prisoner's son visited, and by informing him of the petition that had been sent to Ottawa in his favor, again raised hopes of a reprieve in his father's breast. He again commenced to tell of the life he would lead in the penitentiary, under the kind guidance of the Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Weston, who attended him at his request.

The prisoner's thoughts were again brought to bear on the awful ordeal through which he was about to pass. The prisoner, whom public opinion has pronounced a most hardened man, is said to have been of a most tender disposition, and at all times when his spiritual comforter consulted with him, displayed great contrition for the deed he had done, and sought to make all the reparation in his power. On Thursday night the Rev. Mr. Johnston stayed in the prisoner's cell. At six o'clock the condemned man ate his supper with evident relish and then engaged in religious conversation. At midnight he wrote a letter addressed to "My Children and Friends," in which he regretted that he had not led a more religious life, and tendered his children loving advice for their guidance through life. He also made a private verbal confession to Rev. Mr. Johnston, which was not made public. He denied all knowledge of what happened on the unhappy night, nor did he remember Stoves bringing the liquor to the house. At eight o'clock a large crowd gathered around the door of the jail seeking admission, but only those holding tickets from the sheriff were admitted inside the institute. About one hundred persons, composed chiefly of representatives of the press and legal profession, waited the hour of execution. Sheriff Games arrived at 8:08, and after a short consultation with the Governor, proceeded to the cell of the prisoner along with one or two officials. Williams looked up and said, "The hour has come at last." The Sheriff replied, "Yes," and the prisoner put on his hat and said he was ready to be pinioned. That operation having been performed, the mournful procession wended its way to the yard adjoined: Gov. Green, the Sheriff and his deputy, Williams was supported by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, the executioner, and the Deputy Governor of the jail. The prisoner marched through the rounds and out into the yard with a firm step, although he was apparently suffering from intense nervous excitement. When the party had ascended the platform, he stepped to the front and addressed the assembled as follows:—

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