

CAERLAVEROCK LOVE TRAGEDY.

VICTIMS' CLOSE FRIENDSHIP.

LARGE FUNERALS AT DALTON AND BANKEND.



Miss Hiddleston.

Interest in the love tragedy which ended in the death of Miss Barbara Hiddleston and the self-destruction of Thomas Cowan at Caerlaverock remains unabated, and the dramatic incidents in connection with it are widely discussed in both town and district. The funerals of the victims, which took place on Thursday, attracted considerable attention.

That the motive which prompted the crime was that of the jealousy of a disappointed and rejected lover is increasingly evident. Several of Miss Hiddleston's friends state that she frequently spoke of marriage with Cowan before Murray returned from Canada. After the relations between the two cousins had been broken off Miss Hiddleston, it is said, received a letter from Cowan which caused her a

good deal of uneasiness, and she carefully avoided any circumstances in which she might be left alone in the company of her former lover, refusing his offer to see her home on one occasion when she, along with a friend, met him in the village of Bankend. Cowan started a week's holiday on the day the tragedy occurred, and it is a significant fact that he had arranged previously to get two privilege tickets for Ayr to be used this week.

During the week the police have continued their inquiries in the neighbourhood of the scene of the tragedy, but these have shed no further light on the affair—and indeed there is nothing more to be discovered, because the whole circumstances leave no doubt as to how the grim tragedy occurred.

So far no trace has been found of the weapons that were used.



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Mr John Murray, to whom Miss Hiddleston was to have been married on 6th May.