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J. M. Millan, executed at 7 A.M. May 25, 1910.

He was tried & condemned April 17-18. for having
administered poison to a young woman,
which occasioned mortally the death of her
child, but his own death. — He was a native
of Scotland

9. He told me on his arrival here the first time.
He expressed his pleasure at seeing me etc.,
Paul having the night before visited him who
I was. He told me he had been in Grangemill
in the way of trade. But otherwise he did
not say much. —

10. At his arrival. He was greatly di-
taught at that part of the sentence by which
his body was to be given to the surgeon. —
Encouraged to pacify him, and read his atten-
tion to concerns of his soul. — His mind greatly
relaxed by God's mercies mentioned, he understood
from the Provost, his body would scarcely be
asked for by Surgeons at Edinburgh. —

At these visits he appeared rather selfish-
fear, regarding himself upon his supposed
moral conduct in every other respect, ex-
cepting the crime for which he was con-
demned. —

11. He was greatly alarmed with the future
judgment. He said, he was sinious to be
a very great evil — He seemed distressed

at his visitation of his mind. His sister
was anxious, this visitation of his mind, she
had been quite worried about his
condition, as he had been quite very
anxious, throughout his stay — He just now
came to the very last

that he did not feel sufficient fluency &
eloquence in praying. — I endeavoured to
put him to rights on that head. — Henry
Cowan had just been with him, and I an-
other suspect, that he was. — Gachy perplexed
his mind with subjects of that kind. —
May 11. Saw him again. He seems to in-
crease in self-knowledge, and in desire to
after our Savior. — The Revd. Minister
came in. I thought his manner of speak-
ing to the Poisons very suitable. Has
God given to us the utmost simplicity
in coming applying to our Savior, and
to commend him just as he was, without
thinking to make himself better. —

2. 3. Was scarcely an hour with him. He
said he had no goodness or merit at all
to please God. He had committed innum-
erable sins, for which God might justly
condemn him, and a hundred of them more
for which he suffered. — He was able to
give up his mother & salvation to God,
and not distress himself any more on
their account. — He did not intend to
leave any thing behind him in writing,
or thoughts, it was not becoming, &
criminal to speak with too much ex-
posure of himself, and it might tend
to make others presume on the merits
of God, and lead them in sin. —

2. 10. Poisons feels more composed — this
is sensible Religion has made a change
upon him — afraid to be too confident

left his shands say "peace peace, where there
is no peace" - afraid his sentence is
not sufficiently deep and that he cannot
sorrow for sin as he ought - enjoys more
liberty in his yds. -

5.12/but with Mr. Watson in the Prison, and had
not much conversation with the Prisoner. -

6.14/that dist minister & I had not been long in,
when the Prisoner's brother, Alexander, came in,
and as they were going to a sort of farewell of
in each other, we soon left him.

6.15/was nearly an hour alone with Prisoner,
and he talked a good deal. - Rev. Arthur Stewart
of Kirkcudbrightshire p. Wrights preacher the
gospel, is a friend of man, had great regard
for Prisoner, and was greatly affected with his
fate. Prisoner has written to him. /I heard of
Tuesday, that the Schoolmaster had written
to Alexander, the Tyer, saying, Prisoner had bore
a very good character in the parish; and wished
him to visit the Prisoner. - Prisoner said, he
was going to write to his principle prosecu-
tor, who, he heard, was greatly troubled now,
to assure him he d. in peace with all men,
and hoped God would be merciful to his soul -
Prisoner's father was a weaver, & he was brought
up to that business, & had a little land. -

He can speak with his dying breath, that
he did not intend to take the woman's life,
was ignorant of the strength of the poison,
that he got it according to her repeated requests,
was in a great hurry when he brought it her,
for his master was lying upon his deathbed

P.D. and have forwarded by a friend not to write -
Afterwards

and would not have him to be absent of that
he intended the woman to be evicted in
the use of it, especially to keep fit, getting
cold, to which she replied, that her master
would have little or no more out-door-
work to do for her. - They did not suppose
the child to be quickened at the time, and
therefore thought it was no sin to un-
natural to produce abortion; they only
wished to hide their shame. — I particu-
larly interrogated him upon this part of
the story and what he now thought ex-
pecting his conduct. Hasan, he now
felt convinced, that his first connexion
with the woman was an irreconcileable sin,
that taking life in any state of existence
under any circumstances, not abounding
unavoidable, was a serious sin. He
would be absolutely without hope if it were
not, that God so loved the world as
Praying in his former life Hasan: I was ob-
liged, & generally respects, went diligently to
church, but I sought more the pleasure of my
than that of God. — I had no life in my soul
he saw little need of grace, & therefore never
seriously purposed for it. — To what an awful
length of wickedness have I been driven,
by no religion, temptation and being left
to myself. But I hope the Lord will yet
grant me repentance unto life. —
With regard to my notions of religion they
are not greatly altered, tho' my view of the
gospel are clearer, and I feel something
of their influence. I am come over a few

and sometimes thought of them two others
before, but they never impressed my mind
as they do now. — The fear of Death was
greatly taken from him, and he could become
quite happy to die in an ordinary way,
but his death was peculiarly bitter, and he
felt especially for his friends. He was afraid
he could no so forget them as he ought to
do. I told him, it was not required, as he had
low and special concern for friends, but to
commit them to our Savior and leave them
in the hands of a faithful friend, as most to
put a man at ease against God. He referred to
the words: "For behold thy mother is here." — This
consoled him. — He said, "I wish my fit. may
take a warning by me, and walk cautiously
on the slippery paths of life; seeing my unhappy
fate be the measure of a walk warning, and
convicting any of them, I should much exceed
to rejoice even at my misfortune. Indeed
I wish sinners at large in my take war-
ning by me. — I feel the depravity of
my heart, but I should deceive myself in my
present hope; I think I could ~~not~~ ^{not} be more afraid
of assurance, if I was at large in the world,
and could find more opportunities to show
the sincerity of my repentance." —
I have been reading Luke XV. It is an en-
couraging chapter. — And that is a sweet
passage: "But aye prisoners of Gop —
Spincted out to him Iaiah Ch. 1-3. with
its references in Luke IV. 19. —

"The prospect of hell. I sleep little - used to
read the Eng. - but now I spend it in sweet
meditation. -

"He is about 35 years of age - was never
married - river lines weaver. - Present to
abit a haven, had to be out of the way for a
few days, not apprehended in any danger. -
He was taken while walking, carelessly
about in the market. - 19 weeks confined
in Wigton Jail - passed by all there was
not fear - used to escape, etc. etc. easily be-
apprehended - but was confident of acquittal. -
His escape would have gratified my fit.
But now I think I have reason to be
thankful I did not do it."

"At first when I came here, I did not appre-
hend - but I forced myself, as people said I
was going to starve myself, - I wished not
clamours to be raised - for my fame was
the pride of men, or wonder at once to be
forsaken, could not leave down without the
disease in shame! -

"David watered his couch with his tears -
Many he bathed X's feet - but my friend does
not feel that confection - & for
deeper sorrow! -

"Peter said, 'Lord I than knowest n. - I dare not
say so, but I may say: thou knowest I de-
sire to love thee - but what beauty is there
in our Savios.' -

"When I was very young, I found a woman
with child - it greatly disturbed me, and I
long denied it - but others settled something
upon the child - I afterwards avoided

Seduction, till I fell in with this woman -
I was too weak to resist - God knows what
virtue I have a few since and still feel, but
I believe he hath pardoned me. -

"If die in peace with all mankind -
I leave nothing against Prosecutor - Jury
or Judge. - A

"I shall always have reason to pray for per-
son to the very last moment - for there is
no perfection in this world. -

"It is finished! - How delightful! It is
the most precious sentence in the Bible
to a sinner who can do nothing himself,
and has given to believe in it. -

"When I have escaped, I shall remember
in heaven, by former, it will add to my
Joy - Runnow I say: The Lord is with you for
sin - - they have recollection of sin -
"What a misery I am so well attened -
The Lord will reward you". I said: You
are by nature a sinner like you're. -

He said: "How unmerciful are we of the
slippery path - It is very slippery".
"How many happy hours do I now spend in
intercourse with my Savior".

The Court is merciful, especially mine -
I greatly fear it. -

- I have attempted to do good works, but they have
been only an insult to God, they were done to buy
God's favor - but now I wld. wish to do it out
of love to my Savior. -

+ 18/ Was in Prison fr. 1-2^{1/2}. getting the Paul
to let me in - at the end J. Gandy comes -

"I have just read Prov. III. - I think it very
applicable to my case, especially: "Bew-
leid man that I am —

"Send a paper of Gaylord to him - He
seems much struck with it. - He thought
much of the hymn: Come ye sinners
poor & wretched we which I repeat —
— My time passes very quickly in me-
ditation & prayer. —

"I wish my relatives, fellow-prisoners
& all mankind wd. take warning by
me — I earnestly pray for them. —

"What a blessed thing is it that we have
the gospel! —

"I wish I may be supported at the last. —

"When McLean came to me the day after Con-
demnation, his observation had no im-
pressions upon me. —

He was 2 days in Pacificail - came to
Hilton beginning of December. —

This relatives much lost in their worldly
concerns by his removal. —

"I was never a bad man & sinner, but I at-
tempted religion in my own strength. —

"I knew much more of Bible before
but my memory fails. —

"I heard the sentence with great confusion,
it did not seize till I came into the
passage. —

"I think I have a good hope, but I am jealous
lest my heart shd. be received by Satan. —

2.19/ Mr. Lawson comes in, - Priores got a letter - Barber comes - He had heard much of me, thinking I was not well and he came down the street. - He said nothing more. - He wished he could make a firm engagement with the Lord. -

D. H. Went to the Prison at 2. - "To-night I feel greatly distressed with a sense of my sins, they stand all before me. But I am relieved by an most uncommon feeling of happiness, I feel my heart glow, full of joy, sense of pardon and love I cannot express it. - Surely I am not deceiving myself. - I am a great, very great sinner; but I think God's mercy is greater - I do not know the sufferings of Christ - that is sole Divine love." - Letter recd on th. was fr. his Master, who gave evangelical edict. - Priores now speaks with more feeling.

E. H. Mr. H. Lawson & I were in. - Priores mentioned the sympathy of his friends. I say I have no comfort fr. it, but adds, what is the faith of the world now to me, if I have not faith of God. - He speaks of Christ sympathetically with emotion. - I have lived in pleasure, but it laid a stain. - In midst of a joyful companion, I wonder'd if it could not be happy. - Here in jail the Lord death wife death time has gone - surely I quickly, never did it pass so quickly - the fatal day is near - time flies & leaves an end, but God's mercy endures all forever. -

'Lord will wife away tears' - Many thousands
years have I shed these - and still continue to
weep till the last - it was my tears and
mixed with joy - the more I feel of the
love of God, the more bairious I become
since professing, but his love prevents despair
- 'God's pardoning love fills me with joy,
it shall be my theme while here, and through
eternity I shall sing: to him let all bow.
- 'But it is a precious promise, there shall
be a fountain in us.' —

— 'At first I could not attend to any thing, the
ministers said to me, I could not remember
their conversations, during the very prayers
my mind was distract — but now I can
wish to have them all day with me, I feel
happy in their company, and happy in the
recollection.' — Bro. Do you not think your
indifference arises in part, fr. want of considera-
tion of your sins, & your supposed innocence?
A. Yes. — But now I have nothing to rely
on but offer of grace. —

"I continue jealous over myself, but I trust
my strength will be equal to my day." —

L. 29. Hi. Lawson & I were in — "My best actions have
been sinful — It was my deceitful heart who
hurried me on to commission of this crime —

"I had oft good desires, but they were lost —

"I prayed in H. J. T. S. but it was for life
liberty — my heart cleaves to the earth — my
treasure was there — Now I hope my treasure
is in heaven — I bring with conviction & confess
of my sins. —

"The Devil's sin was forgiv'n him, yet Divine
judgments were not removed in this world; so,
I think, it is with me. —

"My case formerly was like Sorenlites, who
prayed for Divine direction, yet when it was
contrary to their own inclinations, they could
not follow it; — now I hope I wish to give my
whole heart to Jesus. —

"I hope my imprisonment will be a blessing
to my f'd. — I wish it may be a warning to all. —
I may have reason to thank God for it on their
account to all eternity. —

2.12h. Saw him at 2. — Rev'd. And had just come
out, with whom I had some talk. Expressing his
astonishment at Prisoner's composure he
asked me, what I thought it arose from.
I told him, Prisoner had been convinced of
confessed his offence, had cried for mercy,
and confessed his professed himself ready to
have a good hope of salvation. — He said
he did not think, that the evidence was so
strong as to condemn him, as the indictment
charged him not with the Child's death,
but only with that of the woman, and
the intention of this appeared not proved;
indeed Prisoner always denies having had
the least intention of that kind. —
Was not long with Prisoner, as a friend of
his came in to speak of some family
concerns, and I could not stay with him
on that account for want of time. —

He said: Story of death was no good
from Texts particularly comfortable:
God so loved world — Command call with
tears — I. C. come into world to save
sinners —

Buily Kirkland had been in. He asked me,
said Prisoner, if I had employed my time well?
— I was going to tell him, but he just went
away, that tho' it was very duty to employ
my time, I could never have done it to good pur-
pose, if the Lord had not given me his grace;
and that whatever I might have done, I had
nothing to rely upon but the finished work
of Christ.

In our meeting this evening I read Luke XV.
And then mentioned, that this chapter had
been particularly comforting to the Prisoner,
and that I had reason to think, he had him-
self felt something of that love of God, sometimes,
which is there strikingly represented. —
too close with us, as far as the railing, during which
all seemed greatly affected. —

In the night Dr. G. watched with Prisoner.
J. Gunby told me, next morning, that in the
early part of last Prisoner had been so affected
with his approaching end as to tremble, but
he grew gradually composed. —

9.25. Pentecost-Day. I went to the Prison soon
after 9 - but hearing, that Stevenson & Lucian
& several others were in, I did not go to him. And
understanding Mr. And was to come at 10, and
wanted to be alone with Prisoner, I returned
home; but went back again before H. —

At the same time, except in his eightieth year.

He had never been so ill as he was in his eightieth year.

And had not yet arrived, but he came soon. Meanwhile I waited in the guard room. Shaw came; and when And came out, we went in together. — Marion was just then taking leave of Mr. Holt as who had come last night. The scene was affecting, and very trying to him; but he receded himself in a few moments. Shaw addressed a prayer with him. I then spoke a few words, and desired him to fix on a y. to be sure, ^{mentioning} y. 107. Gentry proceeded. I then prayed. — Shaw now went away, but nuclear came in. He spoke to him, and other y. was sure, and then left. — Nuclear then urged Marion to pray; he did it, but seemed put to. — Stevenson now came in. — Nuclear & I went out for a time, and then returned. — Stevenson was still speaking to him. I then prayed. — Marion visited the hymn b. in Miss. Coll. Tolson's: "The hour of my departure's come." I then prayed with him. — Stevenson now proposed to him to kneel down & offer a silent prayer. He did so for about 10 minutes, and uttered the Lord's last sentence as a loud: "Lord I give you my spirit — that I may join in the song of praise to the Lamb, that was slain forever ever." — He then said: "The Lord's goodness since death been very great — & that I could love him better. — It was intimated, that his visitors would previously communicate his aims. Stevenson encouraged him very affectio-

nately, reminded him, but Savio had an experimental fellow feeling with us in this respect. — Just then Bailey Donalson came & told him his time was come, & told he replied: "I am ready, Sir, — Executioner bid him give a bath and wash gently. — He went out immediately followed by us 3 ministers. — In Butler's office we waited the law & maintenance of his, the Rev. of Constant read us short papers he had signed, expressing his thanks to ~~Attorneys~~, and to ~~the~~ his lawyers, and that he hoped for mercy thro' a saving blood of Jesus. —

He went forward with steady steps — we took leave of him — He spent 3 or 4 minutes in silent prayer, & spoke in a deliberate sign, but executioner was not immediately ready. — He did almost without struggle. —

He was wonderfully composed, & so it always appeared, his hope was solely built on the Atonement. — When he had given for his last prayer in the cell, he said: "The Lord be glorified. This was his last & best salutation. —

The crowd was great, but it could not be seen taken that the Prison was not crowded. — When he was suspended, Stevenson & I, & the Constable. — He came out at 3 o'clock — His corpor was this evening taken away by Glasgow Doctors in a gig, who had to be guarded thro' the town, & yet were pelted with stones. —

I got home at 4 o'clock. —