

THE MURDERS, POINTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

We Give the Pith¹ of Some of the Hundreds of Letters Received by "The Star."

SUGGESTIONS FOR DETECTION.

"Lex," writing from Oxford, favors the idea of having the East-end patrolled by detectives disguised as "unfortunates," and armed.

5 « Bill » writes : « the assassin has chosen the easiest form of crime by picking on victims who become his accomplices. The murdered women have been as anxious to avoid the eye of the constable as the murderer. Both have conspired together to watch him out of sight and hearing, and so diminish the chances both of interruption or rescue. »

10 Mr. Robert E. King, of 1, St. Agnes-terrace, Victoria-park-road, writes: - Referring to the latter portion of your editorial headed "The Conduct of the Police," I shall be pleased to form one of a vigilance committee, such as you suggest. I will freely give my services in such a cause without fee or reward.

15 "W. A. G." writes: - Let the criminal authorities who are investigating the mystery compel every butcher to submit himself to medical examination, and those men where homicidal tendencies are found to be abnormally developed, let them be compelled to prove an alibi for any one of the dates on which the murders were committed.

Mr. N. T. Mooney asks : "Where are the bloodhounds?"

Charles Hambleton writes from Burslem to remind us that the discovery of Fish, the Blackburn murderer, was brought about by the aid of bloodhounds, and suggests that the police keep a couple where they can be got at at a moment's notice.

20 Hugh Hillhouse would like to see started a national subscription to a fund as a reward to the capturer of the miscreant.

"R. W." says : - May we hope that, after a few more of these leisurely-executed crimes have been perpetrated in our midst, the police will start using trained bloodhounds?

WHO THE MURDERER MAY BE.

25 "A Laborer" suggests that the perpetrator of the murders may be a woman

Fred W. Ley suggests that the murderer is a religious fanatic.

Mr. T. Barry thinks that the man must be one who, having been ruined by dissipation², is having his revenge.

"A Reader" thinks the murderer will be found among the criminals, well known to the unfortunates themselves, as he escapes so easily.

30 "Justice" thinks the perpetrator might be a fanatic among the members of the Society for the Suppression of Prostitution, who is murdering to frighten prostitutes from the streets.

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¹ The pith : *the heart*

² Dissipation : *debauchery*