LOVED TOO WELL.

Maggie Matthews Driven to Suicide by Unreturned Affection.

HER TOUCHING LETTER TO THE MAN THAT SHE WORSHIPPED.

A Former Student of Lindenwood Seminary in St. Charles Ends Her Life by Morphine—Mr. Henry Cons, a Young St. Louisan Receives a Parting Letter From Her.

"You, who know the inner history of my life will understand why I have killed myself. How much sweeter it is to die than to live. Remember when these lines reach you I will be dead."

These words, telling of a secret sorrow which had blighted her life and made death welcome, were written by Miss Maggie Matthews, formerly a student at Lindenwood Seminary and well known in musical circles. Her parents at one time resided at 1212 St. Louis avenue but returned to Albany, N. Y. She had been visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Moore at St. Charles, Mo., for the past few weeks.

TOOK MORPHINE.

Yesterday morning she took a large dose of morphine and despite the strenuous efforts of several physicians she died last night. The only reason known for her rash act is contained in the above words in a letter she wrote to a friend, Mr. Henry Cons, an employee of Barr's. He refused to give the letter for publication, but in explaining the words already quoted gave a detailed history of Miss Matthews' career and his connection with the case.

HER SWEETHEART'S STATEMENT.

"I first met Miss Matthews at her parents' home, on St. Louis avenue, about four years ago," he said, "she was a very handsome girl, tall and dark, with most engaging manners. We grew to be very close friends. After her parents returned to Albany she studied with the family of a Mr. Fox, a civil engineer, on Mills street. She attended school for some time at Lindenwood Seminary at St. Charles and was very well known and liked in that neighborhood. After her return from the seminary she was in the city for a short time and then left for England, visiting a family named Edwards, who have relatives in this city. She remained away altogether about a year. After she came back I asked her about her visit and the reason why she had made it. As her explanation was not satisfactory to me an estrangement sprung up between us. She always insisted that we were engaged to one another, but I told her as often as I could not marry her. Only last Saturday I saw her while she was in the city and she said to me: 'Will, I'll have you yet.' I am recalculating the thing off. I was perfectly thunderstruck when I received her letter last evening and the news of her death.'

COULD NOT RETURN HER LOVE.

When asked if he was in any way responsible for the girl's act he replied: "Yes, I feel I should suffer inasmuch as the girl loved me and I could not return her love. Further than this I am innocent, for God knows I would not really suit the one who should feel the full responsibility for her unfortunate act."

The Coroner of St. Charles will hold an inquest on the remains of Miss Matthews today, after which her body will be sent back to Albany, N. Y., where her mother and the other members of her family reside.