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ALEISTER CROWLEY TO APPEAL

Conviction for Receiving Letters

Mr. Edward Alexander Crowley (Aleister Crowley, the author) to-day informed a reporter that he had signed notice of appeal against his Old Bailey conviction.

Mr. Crowley was found guilty of receiving four original letters and one copy of a letter alleged to have been stolen from Mrs. Betty Sedgwick, an artist's model professionally known as "Betty May." The letters were stated to have been produced by Mr. Crowley's counsel in the High Court during an action for damages for alleged libel brought by Mr. Crowley against a firm of publishers respecting a passage in a book.

Judge Whiteley, K.C., bound Mr. Crowley over for two years and ordered him to pay a sum not exceeding 50 guineas towards the cost of the prosecution.