

## Ibberson Izod

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### DEATHS:

On 18<sup>th</sup> inst., at Newport, Ibberson, youngest son of J. W. Izod, Esq., of Esher.

### NEWPORT AGRICULTURAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

**MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE.** — An Inquest was taken on Monday, at the house of Robert Horlock, Esq., Castlehold, Newport, before Frederick Blake, Esq., Coroner for the Isle of Wight, on Ibberson Izod Esq., surgeon, partner of Robert Horlock, Esq., aged 25 years, From the evidence it appeared that deceased had been with party of friends on the previous day to Niton, had dined at the Sandrock hotel, spent an agreeable day, and returned in the evening to Shide, when he remained at the house of a friend, until about one o'clock, when he left, and between one and two o'clock, called up Mr. Foster, an apprentice, who opened Mr. Horlock's door. He then said he was going into the yard. Mr. Foster afterwards heard him go up stairs to his bed room, and in a short time hearing a noise like reaching, he got up, opened deceased's bed room door, and asked him if he was unwell, but receiving no answer, he concluded the deceased was asleep, and did not disturb him; but in the morning about half-past eight o'clock, on the shop-boy going to his room, it was discovered that he was dead. A glass, with some beer, was on the table. It was noticed that the hydrocyanic acid bottle had been removed from its usual place, on the shelf in the dispensary, and on examination it was found quite empty. It contained, when last used, about two drachms. The neck of a small bottle of ale had been struck off with an empty pistol, and no doubt the glass of ale and the poison, mixed, had been taken by the deceased to his bedroom, and swallowed after he had prepared himself for bed. The candle was found to be extinguished, and his clothes laid on two chairs. It appeared that deceased owed some private debts, but not of large amount, respecting which he had been lately pressed for payment, but a correspondence had taken place with his family living at Esher, Surrey, and, no doubt, assistance would have been afforded him. From the evidence adduced - and the enquiry lasted a considerable time - deceased had always appeared in good spirits, and never desponding; but on the contrary, free and generous, and a general favourite. Dr. Browning gave evidence that the deceased was quite dead when he was called in the morning, believed his death was caused by taking hydrocyanic acid, the stomach was nearly empty of fluid, but could smell the poison very distinctly. The tests used had not been very satisfactory as the acid was very volatile, and there was some difficulty in obtaining tests, he had no doubt that the poison swallowed was the cause of death. Mr. Tuttiert corroborated the evidence, and mentioned several appearances about the body which confirmed the opinion. The learned coroner charged the jury at considerable length, pointing out the law, and drawing attention to the peculiar features of the case. After some deliberation the following verdict was given:- "That deceased destroyed himself by taking hydrocyanic acid, but that there was not sufficient evidence to show the state of his mind at the time."

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