

Catherine Florence Alexander

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NEWPORT

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CHILD. - On Wednesday morning the Coroner for the Island (E. F. Blake, Esq.) held an inquest at the Britannia Inn, Hunnyhill, touching the death of Catherine Florence Alexander, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, of 55, Leigh-terrace, Hunnyhill, who was found dead in bed on the previous morning. Mr. Thomas Spanner was chosen foreman of the jury. The deceased's mother said the child came with her father from Glasgow on Monday afternoon and was apparently in good health. She was put to bed and slept with her elder sister, who went to bed afterwards. Witness went to deceased's room several times because of her coughing. Deceased had had the whooping cough, and witness gave her some water. Deceased said she only wanted to lie down and go to sleep. About 6.30 on Tuesday morning the father went in the bedroom and found the child dead. Dr. Stanley Foster who was sent for and attended at once, said he made an external examination, but could come to no conclusion as to the cause of death. He afterwards made a post-mortem examination and found the child was well nourished and there were no marks of violence. From his examination he concluded that the child had died from a fit in the form of asphyxia. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

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