

Charles Adams

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INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Tuesday last, at the Guildhall, before E. F. Blake, esq., deputy coroner, on the body of a child named Charles Adams, aged 5 years and 8 months, who was found drowned in Newport river on the previous Monday morning. – Maria Adams, the wife of William Adams, deposed that she lived in Victoria yard, Pyle-street. On Sunday evening, about 6, deceased was indoors having his tea, and she afterwards saw him going out of the yard into the street, which was the last time she saw him alive. He went out of the yard alone, and she thought he was going no farther than the street to play. Just after 7 o'clock she went to call him in to go to bed, when she missed him. She made every enquiry for him, but could hear nothing of him, only that he was seen down the road by the cemetery. She and her husband searched the fields and everywhere for him without success. She saw the body when it was found on Monday morning. – George Henry Lale said that he lived at Coppin's-bridge. On Sunday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock, he was sitting on the bridge, near the slip, with his two cousins, and saw one of them pick up a cap, which was on the last step but one to the bottom of the slip. He took the cap and gave it to his mother. The tide was then running down. The mother of deceased identified the cap as the one deceased wore on Sunday evening. – James Coleman said he lived in Lugley-street. At 25 minutes to 10 o'clock on the previous morning he was in a boat, and heard that a child was lost, and went up the stream towards Coppin's-bridge, where he saw a man feeling about in the water, and he let his boat drive down with the tide, and while rowing the boat round he touched the body, and found it in the water. It had all its clothes on except the hat. There were no marks besides where it had been bitten by the crabs. – George Henry Dubbs, surgeon, of West-street, said he visited Little London the previous morning between 10 and 11 o'clock, having heard that a child had been drowned and no medical man had been in attendance. He asked to see the body, and at once saw that all attempts to restore animation would be useless. In the evening he examined the body at its father's house, and found a wound over the right eye and one also under the left eye. It appeared to him that deceased had fallen down the steps, and was partially stunned, and unable to help himself. – A very little boy, too young to be sworn, who was playing on the bridge with deceased on Sunday evening, told Inspector Grapes that the deceased was swinging on the rails close to the slipway, when he lost his hold and fell over. – The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned."

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