

Dorothy Riding

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NEWPORT.

A SCHOOL GIRLS SUDDEN DEATH.

An inquest was held at the Town Hall, Newport, on Friday evening by the Deputy Coroner for the Island (Mr. F.A. Joyce) on the body of Dorothy Riding, a school girl aged 9 years.

The mother stated that the child had been complaining of toothache for some time, but as it was a very usual complaint with her she did not call a doctor. On the 24th inst. the deceased seemed to be taken much worse, and towards evening she called in some neighbours, who advised her to see a doctor, but whilst she was fetching a medical man, the child died.

Mrs. Mew, a neighbour, who was called in by Mrs. Riding gave corroborative evidence.

Dr. Coombes, Medical Officer of Health for Newport said the woman came to him about eleven o'clock on Tuesday, and he gave her some medicine for the child and promised to call in the morning. She came back shortly afterwards and said the child was dead. He made a post-mortem examination on Wednesday, and found the windpipe full of matter from a broken abscess [sic]. He had not the slightest doubt that the child died from suffocation resulting from the bursted [sic] abscess in the throat.

A verdict was returned accordingly.

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