Frederick George Diment

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NEWPORT MAN'S SUICIDE.

HAPPY HOME LIFE BUT WORRIED ABOUT WORK

After giving a widow an opportunity to have an inquest at the Guildhall, Newport, on Saturday, adjourned for a post mortem examination, the Coroner Mr. J. V. Bullen, said "Although his home life was very happy he worried over his work, and I am quite satisfied that it was through this distress of mind that he decided to take his own life." The inquest was on Frederick George Diment, 59, of 28 Staplers Road, Newport. The Coroner recorded a verdict that Diment took his own life while the balance of his mind was disturbed, death being due to asphyxia from hanging.

DIED BEFORE INTERVIEW WITH PSYCHIATRIST.

Mary Francis Diment said that she and her husband were married in 1929. Her husband had three nervous breakdowns. As he had been ill for three years and seemed to be getting worse she tried to persuade him to see Dr. Gordon Brown at Whitecroft Hospital. About a week before his death she saw Dr. Jones and asked him to arrange an interview, which was for 2 p.m. on Thursday, and as she left for work in the morning she asked her husband if he would rather that she stayed at home with him. He said "No." When she returned home at 1 o'clock she found him sitting in the hall with a rope around his neck, the other end being fastened to a bannister rail.

Dr. John Cedric Jones, practising at Holyrood House, said that Mr. Diment had been a patient of his for 10 years. About three years ago he complained of being unable to sleep, nervousness, and uncertainty, and finding the interviewing of people in connection with his insurance work too much for him. Witness suggested that he should see a psychiatrist, but he only saw him once and did not keep other appointments.- Dr. H. H. Broadhead, of Cypress Road, said that death was due to asphyxia from hanging.

P.S. William Bartlett said that he found a note in Diment's pocket which read: "Dear Nell – I think this is the best way out. Sorry for all I have done. Love Fred."

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at the Unitarian Church. The Rev. W. J. Carter conducted the service, and the hymns "Heavenly Father in Thy Mercy" and "Abide with me" were sung. The family mourners were Mrs. N. Diment (widow), Mrs. E. Diment (mother), Mrs. P. Phillips (daughter), Mr. F. J. Phillips (son-in-law), Mr. B. Diment (brother), Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cousins (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. A. Diment, Mr. and Mrs. G Wale (uncles and aunts), Mr. B. Wale (cousin), Mr. H. Jackman, Mr. R. Challis, Mr. P. Jackman and Mr. and Mrs. C. Moyat (brothers-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. P Wearn (nephew), and Mrs. E. Brown (cousin). Interment followed in St. Paul's Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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