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Charles Seaman NETTEN

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John REECE. Head. Widr. 65. Barrister not practicing. Barbados (British Subject).
Edmund REECE. Son. 12. Scholar. Devonport, Devonshire.
Harriet REECE. Dau. 8. Scholar. Devonport, Devonshire.
Mary A. NETTEN. Nurse. Mar. 31. Wet Nurse. Hants, IW.
Selina RICHARDS. Serv. Un. 25. House Servant. Gerrans, Cornwall.
Charles NETTEN. Son of Nurse. 16months. London, Middx.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 2nd July 1874

CORONERS INQUEST

An inquest was held by Mr. E. F BLAKE and a jury on Monday at Gothic Cottage, Wood-street, on the body of **Charles NETTEN**, a youth who died suddenly early on Sunday morning. Thomas FRAMPTON deposed: I am a porter at Mr. COOPER's. My home is at Brading, but I sleep at Gothic cottage which is occupied by Mrs. MILLER in the absence of the gentleman to whom it belongs. I have known the deceased for 3 years he lived in this house. His mother is living at Bonchurch, in service. He used to sleep with me. Besides the above there was only a little baby here. I never saw anything to lead me to suppose the deceased was not in good health, except an occasional cold. I last saw him alive at 6.30 on Sunday morning; he was abed and roused when I went to bed on Saturday night; he did not say anything. At 6.30 I got up; he turned over and pulled the clothes up on him as I got out of bed. We did not speak then - he seemed about half asleep. He had been very quiet all night. I think he was a teacher in both Weekday and Sunday school - Trinity school. There was nothing to excite my attention more than on any other occasion.

Mary Ann MILLER, a widow, in charge of the house deposed: I have had the care of Charles Seaman NETTEN for four years. His mother is a widow. His health has always been very good. He was a monitor at St John's, he having left Trinity schools. On Saturday he went to bathe after breakfast, and returned to dinner as usual. He was out in the afternoon and was cheerful and apparently very well when he went to bed, after supper on a slice of bread and butter. He generally rose without calling, and as he did not answer the milk boy as usual just before eight on Sunday morning I went to his room. He was lying on his left side. I said "Come Charley, it's 8 o' clock, the boy is knocking with the milk". I touched his shoulder, and, though quite warm, it felt unusual. I took him by

his hand and arm and turned him over; he was quite warm and the only change was a bluish mark around his mouth. I thought he was in a convulsion and I sent for Mr. ROACH, a neighbour, who came at once and then went for Mr. WOODWARD. There was no appearance of him having struggled in the least. Mr. WOODWARD came directly. Deceased always had a difficulty of breathing, he could not stoop to do anything. His mother is troubled with the same complaint. I have heard the mother say the father died of consumption when deceased was a fortnight old.

Walter ROACH, cabinet maker, deposed that he saw deceased on Saturday evening, when he appeared to be in his usual state of health. He came in on being called on Sunday morning; deceased was on his right side, apparently dead but still warm. I never heard of any complaint.

Deceased's mother, who was very much distressed, this being her only child, but who had not seen deceased for some time, was not called.

Mr. A. WOODWARD, surgeon, deposed: I knew nothing of deceased in life. I was sent for on Sunday morning a few minutes past eight. I ran down directly. I found deceased in bed on his left side with his face towards the wall. He was dead - quite warm. I examined the body which was well nourished, and there were no appearances of external violence. There was nothing unusual in the countenance - only post-mortem change. I can form no opinion of the cause of death - neither from observation nor the evidence. There are all sorts of probabilities - disease of the heart, affection of the lungs, distended stomach, etc. I have no doubt he died from natural causes. There was nothing to lead to the slightest suspicion otherwise.

- By Mr. GABELL: Bathing might have accelerated death, but it would probably have occurred at the time rather than so long after. It would be more satisfactory to myself if a post-mortem examination were made.

- The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died form Natural Causes.

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SUDDEN DEATH

The Observer report was the same as the Times, apart from the two extra paragraphs below:-

We are informed that a private *post mortem* examination has been made by Mr. WOODWARD, who has found that the cause of death was disease of the heart.

On Wednesday afternoon the remains of the deceased were conveyed to Holy Trinity Church, where the first part of the office for the burial of the dead was gone through;

after which the procession reformed and proceeded to the cemetery, where the body was interred. The service was performed by the Rev. A. J. WADE, vicar, assisted by the choir, of which the deceased had for some time been a member.

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