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Death Notice

BUTLER. – June 22nd, at 7 Swanmore Road, Ryde, Elsie, beloved wife of Frederick BUTLER, late of Cemetery Lodge, Ryde, aged 74.

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INQUEST ON RYDE WOMAN

The Coroner (Mr. J. V. BULLIN) conducted an inquest at his office at Ryde on Friday week on Mr. Elsie BUTLER, aged 74, wife of Mr. Frederick Charles BUTLER, of 7 Swanmore Road, Ryde.

Mr. BUTLER said his wife had suffered from bronchitis. On January 9th she was sitting on a chair by the stove, waiting for the Sunday dinner to cook while he was lighting a fire in another room. He heard her call, and found her on the floor. She did not seem to know what had happened, but as she was in the habit of dozing off on the chair, he thought she might have fallen over the side. She was taken to hospital with a broken leg, and on her return, on May 18th, moved about with the aid of two sticks. On June 11th, while he was shopping, she got out of bed and fell again.

Dr. T. SIM said Mrs. BUTLER was admitted to the Royal I.W. County Hospital with a fractured left femur after her fall in January.

The pinning was successful, but she never regained her former health. After her second fall she suffered from shock, but recovered for a time, until her condition began to deteriorate about a week before her death, which occurred on June 22nd. She had been very well looked after by her husband. After her second fall witness had tried to get her into hospital, but no bed was available. Had she been admitted to hospital she might have lived a little longer. The cause of death was heart failure as the result of bronchial pneumonia due to toxæmia, the fracture being a contributory factor.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

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