

Elderly Spinster's Suicide.- The mystery of the disappearance of Miss Elizabeth Ann JOYCE, aged 73, of 34 Hill-street, who left home on April 15th, was cleared up on Sunday, when her body, which was washed ashore in an emaciated condition at West Wittering, Chichester, was identified by Mr. F. E. PERKIS, of 32 Hill-street, who for some time had looked after her welfare. At the inquest at Wittering on Monday Mr. PERKIS informed the Coroner that he found a letter in her handwriting which stated "Dear Frank and Bessie. I am going. Everything in all the place is for you both. You have both been so kind and so good. Good-bye, God bless you." The letter was signed "Miss BAKER," the name used locally by deceased. Mr. PERKIS said that although deceased was in poor circumstances she did not trouble about financial matters. Her emaciated condition was not due to lack of food, of which she had plenty in the house. The Coroner returned a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind." The remains were brought to Ryde for interment at the cemetery on Wednesday, the Rev. F. H. ROLPH (curate of All Saints') officiated. Amongst those present were Mr. GROUNDSELL (uncle) and a niece, Miss A. ORTON, Mrs. CHAPPELL, Mrs. LEAL, and Miss BARTLETT. There were a number of floral tributes. The funeral arrangements were made by Messrs. J. PERKIS and Son.

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