

**Death Follows fall.** – We regret to record the death at the County Hospital on Sunday following a fall at her home of Mrs. Alice Maria TUTTON, wife of Mr. Thomas H. TUTTON, of 7 Abingdon-road. The deceased, who was 71 years of age, and her husband had been very actively identified with the High-street Methodist Church for many years, and her passing under such sad circumstances is deeply deplored by many friends, who held her in much affection. On Tuesday the Deputy Coroner (R.F.A. WEBSTER, Esq.) held an inquiry into deceased's death at the County Hospital.

Her husband, a booking clerk at the Ryde office of the Southern Vectis Omnibus Company, said his wife's health was fairly good, although she underwent an operation seven or eight years ago. At about 5 p.m. on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> he left her at home and on returning half an hour later found her seated in a chair. She told him that while clearing the tea things she had fallen over a small step leading from the kitchen and hurt her leg and that every assistance had been given by her neighbour. He telephoned for a doctor and in the interval a district nurse, who was summoned, arrived and made his wife comfortable. His wife had recently complained of rheumatism in the leg.

Robert John SWEETMAN, of 9 Abingdon-road, a locomotive fireman employed by the Southern Railway, said he was having tea at about 5.15 on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, when he heard a noise from No. 7. On going to the back door he found Mrs. TUTTON in a sitting position as though she had been walking from the kitchen into the scullery. Her right leg was under her and she told him she had fallen.

Dr. Albert KAGWA, house physician at the County Hospital, said that on admission Mrs. TUTTON's condition was poor and an x-ray examination revealed an intricate fracture of the right thigh. Her leg was immobilised between sandbags and she was treated to improve her general condition without which they could not treat her leg. Her death was due to hypostatic pneumonia due to the fracture and accelerated by senile degeneration.

Returning a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, the Coroner tendered his sympathy to Mr. TUTTON.

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Death Notice:-

TUTTON. – May 16, at the County Hospital, Ryde, **Alice Maria TUTTON**, of 7 Abingdon-road, Ryde, aged 70.

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