

ALLEGED SUICIDE. An inquest was held yesterday (Tuesday) on the body of Mrs Sarah SIVIER, of Sivier's Hotel, Pier-street, Ryde, who committed suicide on Monday morning. It appeared from the evidence of Maria SALTER the wife of William SALTER, agent for the hotel, that the deceased had been suffering from weakness for the last five weeks, and had been confined to her bed about a month. She sometimes appeared to be in very low spirits, but occasionally was livelier and more cheerful. On Sunday night, about half-past twelve o'clock, she said she would go for a walk, and went into the coffee-room. The deceased requested witness to go into the bar and get some beef tea for her, and she left the room for that purpose, but had only just got outside of the door when the deceased locked the door. She turned back and went out into the terrace by a glass door. She then saw the deceased standing near the steps leading down to the water, and went out to her and forcibly pulled her into the house. She did not want her to stay out as the night was cold. They returned to the coffee-room, and, as deceased became violent, witness rang the bell for one of the servants, but none appearing she went in search of one. She had been gone about five minutes when she returned, and found the room empty. She went to the garden, but could see nothing. At half-past three, when the tide went down, the body of deceased was found in the corner of George street stepway.

Dr. TURNER deposed that the deceased had suffered from convulsive fits during the last six weeks. He was called to see her on Monday morning, and found her quite dead and cold. He was of opinion that death was caused by drowning.

The jury, after some deliberation, returned an open verdict.

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