

Frances Beatrice May Birch

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DEATHS

BIRCH. - Sept. 18th, at 26 Portland-street, Newport, Frances Beatrice May, the beloved wife of William George Birch and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cave, of Castle-street, Carisbrooke.

NEWPORT

NEWPORT WOMAN'S DEATH FROM RARE CAUSE.

On Tuesday evening the Deputy Coroner (F. A. Joyce, Esq.), held an inquest at the St. John's Sunday School, Newport, on the body of Frances Beatrice May Birch, aged 29 years, wife of William George Birch, of 26 Portland-street, Newport, who died on Monday morning under unusual circumstances. Mr. L. A. Magan was foreman of the jury.

- Deceased's husband, a sawyer, said that his wife had been in good health till Saturday, when they went out shopping and at about 10.30 that night she complained of abdominal pains. Thinking that it was ordinary stomach-ache he fetched her some brandy. She woke him up once or twice during the night and still complained of similar pains. Dr. Foster attended deceased, who still complained of the pains and died at 7.5 on Monday morning. - The Coroner said there was no question of diet being the cause of death, as had at first been suggested, and he thought it would only be necessary to hear the medical evidence. - Dr. Stanley Foster said the last witness called on him at 11a.m. on Sunday and said that his wife had been in pain on and off all night and asked him to call and see her when he was out. He saw deceased at 1 o'clock that day and prescribed for her. She got worse and he went to see her again on Sunday night. He was not able to say definitely what was the matter. Next morning he received a message that she was much worse, and when he arrived she was dead. From her symptoms he could not arrive at any conclusion as to the cause of death. He had therefore made a post-mortem examination. He found profuse haemorrhage into the pelvic cavity, which made it clear that death was due to internal haemorrhage from a rupture which was of very rare occurrence and was impossible of diagnosis. There could be no quicker or worse haemorrhage and the wonder was that she did not die before.- By the Foreman: Had another doctor been called-in in consultation nothing could have been done in her condition to have saved the deceased's life; death was bound to follow after the rupture.- The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

The funeral of the deceased took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Tuesday, the Rev. I. Reece officiating. There were a number of the Court Lady Simeon Foresters present, of which the deceased was a member, amongst whom was the Chief Ranger (Miss A. Young), who read the Foresters' service, Miss Fleming, S.C.R., Miss Kate Leigh, treasurer, and several others.

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