



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## *Bishopstone, near Swindon*

### **Sudden Death**

Mr. Coroner Baker held an inquest on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the True Heart Inn, Bishopstone, respecting the death of **Leah Cockhead**, aged 65, the wife of Samuel Cockhead, a labourer, which had taken place suddenly on the previous Monday.

From the evidence of Elizabeth Jefferies, it appears that the deceased had been suffering from bad legs for two or three years, but had appeared a good deal better lately. She had a good tea on the day of her death, and her husband left her between 7 and 8 o'clock until about 9 o'clock, when, on returning home, he found deceased had retired to bed and that she was in a dying condition. He immediately called in Mrs Jefferies, but death took place almost immediately.

Dr. Fernie, M.R.C.S., examined the body, but found no marks of violence. From the general appearances and his having attended the deceased some twelve months since, the cause of death was, in his opinion, heart disease.

The jury at once returned a verdict accordingly.

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