



Coroner's Inquest

Report

Inquest Report on Jane Mould

16th October, 1858

An Inquest was held by R. M. Wilson esq., at Stockton, on Saturday last, on the body of Jane Mould, a fine girl of the age of 14 years, who died there on the 14th inst. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased had been suffering from disease of the throat and fauces from the Sunday preceding.

Her father sent to the Independent Minister, at Codford, Mr Maddox, who also practices as a homoeopathist, for some medicine for her on the Monday, having prescribed for the family on previous occasions. He put eight globules of aconite into a six ounce phial of water and sent it to her. On the Thursday afternoon she was found to be dying, and Mr. Flower, the surgeon, was sent for. He came at once, but found she had just expired.

It appeared on a post-mortem examination that she had died of diphtheria; the immediate cause of death being suffocation from a quantity of matter which had found its way into the trachea. The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts, and accompanied it with an expression of their hope that if Mr. Maddox continued his practice, he would at least see his patients before he prescribed for them – which he promised to do for the future.

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