

THE INQUEST.

The inquest on the body was held at the residence in Bagdale, on Saturday evening, before George Buchanan Esq., Coroner. Mr. W. G. Lockey was chosen foreman of the jury. The following evidence was adduced:—

Mr. Walter Edwin Grimshaw, son of the deceased said: I live at No. 6, Bold-street, Liverpool, and am a hosiery. The deceased was 58 years of age, and had no occupation. I arrived here on Christmas morning. On Thursday 11th I met him in London in consequence of a telegram which he sent to me. It was to the effect that I was to "meet him in London, at Wakfield's, urgent." I did not know in the least what it was for. When I got there he said he had not been well and wanted company. I found him depressed, and he was not looking well but he ate heartily. He had a haggard appearance, and complained of being weak. I stayed with him in London from Thursday night until the following Tuesday morning, when he returned to Whitley and I accompanied him. I noticed nothing particular about him except that he appeared to be troubled a good deal about his health, and he was certainly in a generally depressed state of mind. During the time we were in London we went about town and to one or two theatres and he seemed to enjoy it as much as usual. He slept very badly, and complained of waking about 4 o'clock in the morning and not being able to get any sleep after. In London I slept in the same room as he did, and I generally found that he had been awake early in the morning. He did not often disturb my sleep and when he did it was not for any particular reason. During the time I had no suspicion that his mind was unlitiged in any way. I know of nothing to account for it except that he was low and depressed. When we got to Whitley from London on the Tuesday night, I stayed with him on the Wednesday and on the following day I went back to Liverpool. While I stayed here I went out for walks with him, and he was still depressed. All that he complained of was that his health was poor and that he felt himself growing old. He did not seem to be any better after he left London; if anything he was more cheerful in London than he was here. Still I had no idea that his mind was affected. I received no letters from him after I left here on the Thursday. When I got here on Christmas morning about 9 o'clock I found him in much about the same state as before. We spent Christmas Day together at home, and he seemed a little bit livelier in the morning though he was far from cheerful. He talked very little indeed, and when I asked him if he felt any better he said no he thought he was about the same. I

felt the same before then they would have no doubt but that Mr. Grimshaw took his own life. It would be for them to say the condition of his mind at the time that he committed the act.

The jury found that deceased committed suicide while in an unsound state of mind.

THE FUNERAL.

The interment took place in Whitley Cemetery on Tuesday morning, and was largely attended, including representatives of the Esk Fishery Conservators, the local shipping interest, the Whitley Chess Club, and Whitley Christmas Beef Fund Committee, with all of which deceased had been prominently identified. The carriages of several of the local gentry formed part of the melancholy cortege. The Rev. A. G. Austen, curate of St. Michael's, officiated.

Referring to the deceased the *Morning Post* says:—"He was a vice-president of the Yorkshire County Chess Club, and was present in an official capacity at the Bradford International Chess Congress of 1888. He took part in the match between Lancashire and Yorkshire in 1887, playing in a team of 50 aside as the annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Association, held at Leeds. In April, 1889, he carried off the first prize in the problem-solving contest, defeating easily all other competitors. For many years he has been recognised as one of the leading lights of the British school of problem composers; and in 1886 he was selected, along with eight others, as one of a photographic group of leading composers of the day issued by the *British Chess Magazine*. As a composer he belonged to what is known as the "Transition School," being a connecting link between the old and modern styles of construction. He was contemporary in problem composition with J. B., of Bridport, Huxley, and others. He was exceedingly prolific, for so far back as 1850 he contributed to the *Chess Player's Chronicle*, then edited by Howard Poser, more problems than any other com-

Dr. R. W. Mead said: I have attended the deceased since the 7th December last. He suffered from restlessness and want of sleep, and complained of his liver and depression of spirits. I treated him for that, and prescribed bromide of potassium for the purpose of soothing his brain and to enable him to sleep. He said it did him