



CORONERS INQUESTS



Bamber Infant Twins

Devizes

An inquest was held before Mr. Norris (the coroner of Devizes) on Monday last, upon the bodies of two infants (twins) about two months old, who had fallen victims to neglect and poverty. They were the offspring of a woman named Bamber, living in "the Nursery", whose husband had deserted her, and left her to gain her livelihood as best she might.

One means of doing this was by exhibiting the miserable infants for the purpose of exciting the sympathy and compassion of the public; another – the excuse which took her from house to house – was the sale of tape, &c.

On Friday (almost the coldest day we have had during the winter) she took her two miserable infants to Poulshot; the next day one of them died; and on the following Monday the other was a corpse. The jury did not accompany the general verdict which they returned with any censure upon the mother of the children; but the coroner severely reprimanded her for making her house the abode of women of notoriously profligate habits.

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