

## CORONER'S INQUESTS.

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The City Coroner held an inquest at the Guildhall on Tuesday afternoon on the body of Mary Ann Lewis, of Batheaston, which was taken from the Avon on Monday afternoon. — George Lewis, plumber, of Batheaston, husband of the deceased, said his wife was 54 years of age. She disappeared on the 3rd of March. She left the house about six in the evening to go to the bootmaker, but he never saw her afterwards. She appeared all right when she left home. She was a sober woman. She had had no quarrel at home; they were on the best of terms. Her hat and part of her clothes were found by the side of the river. He found she had taken deeds out of his drawer and had raised money on them because she had run into debt. He did not know of it till he received a writ half-an-hour after she had disappeared; it was something like twelve months ago when the money was raised. He allowed her sufficient to keep house. She had never threatened to destroy herself. He did know of a letter coming demanding payment. — By a Jurymen: There was no doubt she knew the writ was coming. — John Sidney Lewis, plumber, son of the deceased, said he met his mother taking his brother's boots to the shoemaker's. He noticed no difference in her whatever. He knew nothing of her having got into monetary difficulties. — P. C. Woodland stated that at 1.25 on Monday he received information at the Widcombe Police Station of the body of a woman floating down the river. He went to the front of Avon Cottages in the Dolemeads where with assistance he got the body out of the water. — Mr. H. Culliford Hopkins gave evidence of the condition of the body. — The Jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide while in a state of temporary insanity.