

THE POISONING CASE IN WILLIAM-STREET

The unsatisfactory result of the recent inquest on the body of Honora Burke, who died suddenly from the effects of poison, while in the service of Mr. Haynes, of William-street, induced the Government authorities in Dublin to re-open the inquiry into the circumstances attendant upon her death, and accordingly an intimation to that effect having been received, a new enquiry was entered upon before the City Magistrates on Thursday, in the Grand Jury room, with closed doors, and continued by adjournment yesterday and this day.

Joseph Murphy, Esq. said, that he attended there professionally, on behalf of certain parties, not the Messrs. Haynes, but as it was the opinion of the magistrates that the enquiry should be private, he would not stand on his right to be present.

The enquiry was then proceeded with up to an advanced hour of the day, and ended, so far, in the taking into custody of Mr. John Haynes, who remains in their charge in the Police barrack at William-street, and of Jack Slattery, the shamming fool, who, on being made a prisoner of, volunteered a statement that he was the person who went for the poison, and that when he did not get it at Mr. Cleary's, he bought it at the Medical-hall. This, however, was contradicted in both particulars. All this was investigated yesterday, but though we have heard many statements of what was elicited, yet, not having any direct cognizance of them, we think it unadvisable to enter further into the matter at present. We may, however, state, that the energies of the police are being directed most assiduously to trace every circumstance connected with the case. The half-witted Jack Slattery, who has made most important disclosures, if they can be depended on, was lately bellows-blower in the organ loft of the Franciscan chapel, Henry-street, and was brought before the magistrates a short time since for stealing a Breviary belonging to the Rev. Mr. Cosgrave, O. S. F. When questioned about it in the Police court he said that he took it to read his prayers out of it, while it turned out that instead of being able to read Latin he didn't know how to read English.

The additional evidence adduced before the magistrates will be forwarded to Dublin Castle.

The private inquiry was adjourned to this day week, John Haynes was admitted to bail, and the prisoner Slattery kept in custody, and a request was made by the magistrates to government to offer a reward for further information.

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