

Child's Sad Death

A Fall Into Boiling Water

Evidence At Limerick's Inquest

A verdict that death was due to shock, following collapse, was returned by Mr J S McNeice, solicitor, Deputy Coroner, at an inquest in Barrington's Hospital on Wednesday, on Frederick Fails [3½] who died on Tuesday following scalds sustained at his home, 84 Lousdowne Park, Limerick.

Evidence of identification was given by Mr F Fails, father, who said he was a commercial traveller and was away on Monday afternoon when the boy was scalded.

Dr S McDonagh, house surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated deceased was admitted to the hospital on Monday afternoon suffering from extensive scalds. He died at 1 a.m. on Tuesday from shock, following collapse.

Margaret Quin, a maid, stated that on Monday afternoon she was washing clothes in the yard; Mrs Fails and the deceased were present; there was a bucket of boiling water there, which she was pouring into a basin; she was holding the deceased by the hand when he suddenly turned and overbalanced into the water; the witness added that Mrs Fails brought the boy into the house and, after bathing the scalds with olive oil, sent for medical assistance; the child was then removed to hospital.

The coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, and expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved parents.
