

WOMAN'S PECULIAR DEATH. THE INQUEST ADJOURNED.

The City Coroner, Mr. Stephen Murphy, held an inquiry into the death of Violet Jones, 25, which occurred at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, on December 26.

Annie Smith, a widow, of Fawcett-street, Sydney, stated that she knew the deceased for about three and a half years. Mrs. Jones went to New Zealand about 2½ years ago, and returned on December 21. She then complained of being ill. On Christmas night, at about 7 o'clock, she appeared to be very bad, and a certain doctor was sent for, but was found to be out of town, so she consented to be taken to the Women's Hospital.

Lilian Thomas, a sister of the deceased, stated that her sister was born at Newcastle, New South Wales, and was 25 years of age. She was a widow and left two children, one of whom was in New Zealand, while the other was at Auburn under State control.

The police stated that on investigation it was found that the deceased had 1s 2d in a Savings Bank in New Zealand, and in a purse in her clothes was a return half of a steamer ticket to Wellington and 7d in money.

The inquiry was adjourned.