

At an inquiry held January 23, 1878, before Commissioners ROSS and FARRELL, with regard to the death of HENRY BOND, a patient in the Hospital for the Insane, the attendant in the ward in which he died made the following statement:—

SHADRACH BRUTON sworn:—Henry Bond, a patient, died in the ward which I have charge of. It is supposed to be the infirmary ward. He died last Thursday morning (17th Jan'y, 1878), about 9 o'clock. He came into my ward the Saturday before he died. I partly cleaned him on Saturday, but not effectually. I did the best I could with him. Campbell, the attendant of the ward in which Bond came from was in my ward on Monday, and I gave him the comb to take the vermin that were left in his head out. I reported the state of this patient to the supervisor, and he sent up some sort of a wash for his head. When this patient came into my ward he was in a very weak state, unable to stand; I had to change him two or three times a day, and I had no assistant in my ward, except on two occasions, when Campbell came in to assist me. I had succeeded in taking out of Bond's head all the vermin, with the exception of some nits, before he died. This patient, if proper care had been taken of him, might have been kept clean. Dr. DeWolf visited this patient daily while he was in my ward, except the Thursday morning he died. He had an attendant to stop up with him the night he died, and until about 12 o'clock the night before; the other nights, Frank, the watchman visited him twice or three times during the night, as far as I know. He was locked up the rest of the time. He had bowel complaint from the time he came into M 6, until he died; he required to be changed constantly. He had no clergyman, or any friends to visit him; he seemed at times somewhat sensible, and asked for a drink. I have 13 patients, five of whom are unable to help themselves, in my ward. In the ward above, M 7, there are only 11 patients and two attendants.

I remember when Capt. Goudie, from Yarmouth, died. He was in my ward. I remember that his face was badly