

## CASUALTIES.

### TORRENS TRAGEDY.

The City Coroner (Dr. Ramsay Smith), at the Adelaide Police Court on Wednesday, conducted an inquest concerning the death of Alice Maude Luscombe, 26 years of age, whose body was recovered from the River Torrens early on Tuesday morning.

Frederick James Luscombe, a clerk, said he last saw deceased, who was his sister, on Monday afternoon. About three years ago she had a severe shock or strain, and had been an inmate of the Mental Hospital on that account. Since the shock she had been quiet, and he had never heard her threaten to do away with herself.

Walter Meesit, a soldier, stated that some time after 11 o'clock on Monday night he heard a scream. He walked on to the Frome Road Bridge, and, on hearing a sound below, proceeded to the river bank. He noticed a hat on the bank and later a body, which he tried unsuccessfully to secure with a piece of wire.

George Edward Wyatt, police constable, stationed at North Adelaide, said that after 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning he went to the scene and met Meesit, who pointed out the body. With the help of a boat he secured the corpse. There was no life-saving apparatus on the bridge at present.

Alfred Ernest Moore, police constable, also stationed at North Adelaide, said he

also stationed at North Adelaide, said he saw no signs of a struggle.

Dr. A. F. Lynch considered that death was due to drowning. There were no marks of violence on the body.

A verdict was returned that Luscombe met her death by drowning, and there was no evidence to show how she came to be in the water.