SUICIDE OF MR J. H. HARRIS.

A report that Mr J. H. Harris, the well-known solicitor, had committed suicide by shooting himself, was circulated early yesterday morning, and enquiry proved that the shocking intelligence was only too It appears that for some time past he had been in indifferent health, and had had recourse to stimulants and sedatives to obtain mental and physical relief. This was well known to the members of the house in which he lived but it was never anticipated that Mr. Harris would lay violent hands upon himself. Yesterday morning at about nine o'clock, Mrs Rose, the landlady of the house at which Mr Harris was lodging (No. 83 Errard street), knocked at the door of his bedroom, as was usual, to tell him that his bath was ready. She, however, got no answer to her enquiries, and after waiting for seme time, the bedroom was entered and the unforturate man was discovered lying on his bed, dressed, and quite dead and with a gaping wound across the front of his head, the frontal bone and both eyes having been blown away. Near him upon the bed lay a horse-pistol, which had recently been discharged, and with which he had evidently shot himself, and the bullet, a large one, was lying underneath his head and on the pillow. The deceased was left-handed. and he had evidently held the pistol with that hand when discharging it, for the ball had entered his left

temple, coming out at the right eye, and the discharge had carried away the upper part of his face. Bunce was immediately sent for, and the police or mmunicated with, but the medical man, when he arrived could do nothing, as the unfortunate man had apparently been dead about two hours when the doctor saw him, so Senior-constable Urowley took charge of the body. The servant-girl in the house states that she heard a crash, apparently in the room of deceased about seven o'clock, but thinking that it was caused by the breakage of some article in the room, took no notice of it. It is said that the deceased for some time previous to his death had been in a very unsettled state of mind, and had endeavored to purchase certain drugs ostensibly for allaying certain pains, from which he suffered, but on account of the poisonous nature of the drugs he wanted they were not given to him, as he was not considered in a fit condition to be trusted with their use. When he retired on Tuesday evening nothing peculiar was noticed in his appearance or manner, and the first intimation of a

body as described. An inquest will be held on the remains at twelve o'clock to-day, at the Ship inn. Mr Harris was the oldest solicitor in Ballarat, having commenced his profession twenty-six years ago. He leaves a widow and several children in easy circumstances, and at present residing at Geelong. It is stated that he has a brother now a general in the British army, who gained his laurels in the Orimean war.

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THE SUICIDE OF MR J. H. HARRIS. P.M., held an inquest, at the Ship on Thursday, on the body of John oliottor, who committed suicide, at Thomson OB y Harris, solicitor, was street, on saidence No. 30 Errard street, on conduct Sub-inspector Babington conduct Sub-inspector Babington Sub-inspector Babington conduct Sub-inspector Babington conduct Sub-inspector Babington Sub-inspector Submorning Sub-inspector havingson to have a seven marriage of the witnesses. Mrs Jane Rose, keeper of the boarding-house in Errard street at which deboarding-house in Errard street at which de lodged, deposed that he had stayed with he past year and seven months. He had beet in the house with his wife and family before the house with his wife and family before in obi ased lodged, press is idea living in the she rented it, but three months previous to that time his wife and family had gone to I.ve in Geelong. On Monday last deceased remained in bed till four pm, and then came to sit in the parlor. He appeared to be very much dejected, and said that he was very dull. He are nothing in the house that day, but took a little ale. He retired to his room about ten p.m., bidding witness goodnight. She saw or heard nothing more of him that night, but in the morning she took him in his breakfeat, which his seam ad to salor more than he had done months previous to family had gone day last deceased reit, by but Th prese and r which he seemed to enjoy more than he had don fast, which he seen for a long time past fast, which he seemed to enjoy more than he had done for a long time past. He got up at four p.m., went out for a short time, and returned at seven p.m. At nine o'clock he went out again to get a drink, and returned in half an hour, retiring to bed at half-past ten o'clock. He seemed very dull all the evening, and was very anxious to ase Mr Upfold, another boarder in the The ladie and in half an hour, retained the evening, and was very dull all the evening, and was very dull all the evening, and was very dull all the evening, and was very dancies to as an in the speaking after he had retired house, to whom he was speaking after he had retired house, to whom he was speaking after he had retired the working at twenty minutes. efor tht, and got up in the morning at eight o'clock. She heard noth nothing during no Wednesday she no answer Bhe nine a m. interval, and at Tell but got no answer. om, and found him in She then stepped inside the room, the state in which the body no bus Constable now was. Constable to the house as ten state in body a the state in which the body Hickey was sent for, and came to the house at ten Hickey was sent for, and came to the house at ten O'clock. Up to a fortnight ago deceased was usually very lively; but on his return from a visit to Geelong, very lively; but on his return from a visit to Geelong, at that time, he was very morose and strange in his at that time, he was very morose and strange in his manner. He would clasp his hands round his head, and say he was going mad, several times, the coroner—She did not hear the report dista 8 : head, a. 8, head, and say he was did not hear the orroner—She did not hear the orroner—She did not hear the of a pistol. To Mr Babington—Witness had never noticed a pistol in the decessed's possessicm. Jacob Upfold, engineer, boarding with Mrs Bose, deposed that he had known the coessed for the past twelve months, whose room and his own had Mrs Rose's between them. Witness bid deceased good right on Toseday night as he passed through his room, and received a good right in reply. Witness then went to bed, and was called up at about nine o'clock the next morning by Mrs Rose, at whose request he went to deceased's bedroom, at whose request he went to deceased's bedroom. app neg Kel ıt. 8 ; W kep Lai and sati 18 n-W then went to bed, and we nine o'clock the next mo at whose request he went Witness found him in the as he was at present the y, ing n's ď; Witness found him in the same positive and as he was at present, and the body was not touched till Dr Bunce and Constable Hickey arrived. The deceased, who was left-handed, told witness about a fortnight ago that he was going to see hik wife and family at Geology. Shortly before that visit ebi wii £8. on 26; The deceased who was left-handed, told about a fortnight ago that he was going wite and family at declorg. Shortly before the deceased was not so lively as usual, an plained at times of palpitation of the heart, ache. Within the last month or three wes ache. on ache. Within the last month or three weeks he was very absent minded. He would sit without speaking and resting his head on his hands, for some minutes at times, and then he would sit without speaking up and pace the room, moaning, which sometimes gave place quite as suddenly to singing the deceased could not hear being alone and twice koosked witness up in the night to smooth with him. The deceased told witness that he was in the habit of smoking opium to relieve and quiet him mind. He had also been taking small doese of chlorodyne lately to relieve the pain in his head and heart Within the last month or six weeks the deceased scarcely touched a drop of spirits, and he nose in the house. His mind seemed to be weighted down, with some great trouble. ier D had lös, 2d nte 8s De M old. none in the house. His mind seemed to be weighed down with some great trouble, which prevented him from looking into any business coherently. This was especially the case after the visit to Geelong, since when he was not at all the intellectual man he was before. Witness never knew that the deceased had a pistol in his possession. The deceased was affilisted with domestic troubles. Witness was awakened suddenly about seven a.m. Wednesday by some noise, but he as servant in he was to be a servant in he was not as a servant in he was not seven to constitute the servant in he was not as servant in he was not seven to constitute the servant in he was not seven to constitute the servant in he was not seven to constitute the servant in he was not seven to constitute the servant in he was not seven to constitute the servant in 14s M M M 2d, 8d, M on not say in posed that she had seen the posed that she had seen the Tuesday evening. She rose about "Tuesday evening. She rose about the seed talking to himself in his room. 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Nobbs, publican, the came to his house (the Ship inn) at about nine o'clock on Tuesday night. He was perfectly sober, but said that he was cold and miserable. He asked for a glass of hot rum, which witness served him with, and asked him if his rheumatism and gout were painful. He said that they were, and he often had a mind to blow his brains out in consequence The deceased looked miscrable and haggard, though he generally came to the place in a lively humor. He talked in a rambling way, and stayed about twenty minutes. Witness had known him twenty-three years, and thought he looked very wild on the night in question. Irvine Couls commercial traveller, living at 26 Errard street deposed that he had known the deceased intimavely for soon three years. Up to within the last three months he was extremely sensible and matter of fact, but after that witness noticed a change in him, He was very much troubled 'th his mind,' and for the last six months he often wished he was dead, owing Latterly he became (as he said) to family troubles. worse, and at times his mind was mahinged. On the last occasion the deceased visited witness-ten days nat occasion the deceased visited witness—ten days ago—he put his head into his hands and wept, and then jumped up and, pressing his head, said he was going out of his mind. On going away he bid witness and his wife a vary impressive good-bye. Witness said. "It's good night, not good-bye;" so which the deceased replied, "Oh, you may never see me again," and then went away singing. Whenever his inner feelings were touched he never seemed himself, and he often said that it was nary to the feelings. Witness saw him afterwards in deceased's office, when he complained of pain, and, preesing his breast, said that it could not pain, and, preesing his breast, said that it could not be a said that it could n he often said that it was hard for him to preserve a last much longer. So long as the deceased had any hope of settling family matters he was always obserful. He had once said that the death of a gentlecheerful. He had once said that the used this ex-man was to blow his brains out, and he used this ex-pression some way in connection with himself. Wit-ness believed that the decessed was not right in the wind. Constable Hickey deposed having deceased lying found Wednesday morning with a wound in his left templ Wednesday morning with a wound in his laft itemple. A pistol was lying near deceased a left hand on the bed, at the head of which was a table with a small photograph on it facing the deceased. Fr Bunce gave the necessary medical evidence, and stated that death had been caused by a wound from a bullet (produced) discharged from the pistol found on the bed, and which he had no doubt had been discharged by the deceased, who, from what he had heard of the evidence, must have been of unsound mind at the time. The photograph was a portrait of Mrs Harris. This The photograph was a portrait of Mrs Harris. This concluded the evidence, and the jury returned a verdict that the deceased, John Henry Harris, committed

suicide while suffering from temporary insanity. Some little time after the conclusion of the inquest, Babington, with Mr J. Bardy,

Mr Bub-inspector found the key of the patent safe in the office of d Tound the may of the patent sate in the dince of de-ceased, and on opening it found within it several letters to his connections and friends. One letter showed that he had fully contemplated suicide, and related that he had tried chloroform on four-occasions, by laying a handkerchief sprickled with it across his face, but he was too strong for the drug to take fatal effect upon him. He then, as the letter ran, tried chlorodyne, but without success, and he said he wind as a last resource two a right. In the main would, as a last resource, try a pistol. In the safe

were also found a bullet-mould containing a bullet the same size as the one with which he shot himself, and two more bullets were found lying alongside the mould.

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