

been found secreted in a gorse fence and returned to the owner.

REVERTING to *Police Gazette* No. 11, 1875, page 84, the missing friend Daniel McFadyen therein described has been discovered.

REVERTING to same *Gazette* escaped prisoner Morgan Harper has been recaptured.

REVERTING to same *Gazette*, missing friend Graham Hunter Pierce has been discovered.

Miscellaneous.

RETURN OF APPOINTMENTS, &C., SINCE LAST GAZETTE.

To be Third-class Constables, Henry Paget, William Gilchrist, John Creighton, Daniel Divine, George Hodges.

Missing Friends.

ENQUIRY is made for F. L. Montagu, a landscape painter, and artist in oil colours, a little over 5ft. high, well built, large dark eyes, nose slightly turned to the left, small mole on right side of face, and two on the left, one directly above the other, full beard and moustache; is in the habit of disposing of his works by art union; has a wife and four children residing in the neighbourhood of Cooke's river, near Sydney, New South Wales. Information to be sent to the Commissioner of the Police, Christchurch.

Inquests.

AN inquest was held on the 15th May, 1875, at Christchurch, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., J.P., Coroner, upon the body of Austin Fussell, aged 34 years, a chemist, who at about 3.20 p.m. on the 10th of May, went into the storeroom at the back of his shop in Colombo street, Christchurch, and was shortly afterwards found lying insensible upon the floor. He remained in this state until his death, which occurred at noon on the 14th. Medical testimony proved that death resulted from injuries to the head by a fall from a ladder on to an asphalt floor. Verdict—"Accidental death."

ON the 15th May last, an inquest was held at Christchurch Hospital, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., J.P., Coroner, upon the body of Joseph Thompson, aged 45, a labourer. The evidence shewed that deceased who had been employed at the Dunsandel Railway Station, was on the 13th struck on the head with an iron bark log, which fell from a crane, the chain of which had broken. Verdict—"Accidental death."

ON the 17th May, 1875, an inquest was held at Christchurch, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., J.P., Coroner, upon the body of Joseph Betts, aged 44, a plasterer, who was found drowned at 3.30 p.m. on the 15th in the river "Avon" between Colombo and Victoria Bridges. There were no marks of violence on the body, and the evidence shewed that deceased had been at one time

an inmate of an inebriate asylum. The jury returned a verdict of—"Found drowned."

ON the 17th May, an inquest was held at Southbridge, before Charles J. Bridge, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of Annie Spring, aged 27 years, matron. The medical testimony proved that deceased had died from inflammation and congestion of the bowels, and bursting of a blood vessel in the stomach, brought on by excessive drinking. Verdict—"Died from excessive drinking."

ON the 20th May, 1875, an inquest was held at Lyttelton, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., J.P., upon the body of John Black, aged 24 years, a seaman. The medical testimony proved that deceased (who had fallen down on the footpath and died immediately) suffered from heart disease which caused his death. Verdict—"Death from natural causes."

ON the 24th May, 1875, an inquest was held before B. Woolcombe, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of John Sullivan, aged 34, a farmer, who on the 22nd had been thrown from his horse and received a fracture of the skull, and died on the 23rd. Verdict—"Accidental death by a fall from his horse."

ON the 27th May, 1875, an inquest was held at the Christchurch Hospital, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., J.P., upon the body of William Williams, aged 34, a seaman. The evidence showed that deceased had been seized with apoplexy on the 25th, on board the Alhambra at Lyttelton, and ordered to the Christchurch Hospital by Dr. McDonald of that place, while travelling by train in care of acting Sergeant Maguire, he suddenly expired. Medical testimony showed that death was caused by apoplexy. Verdict accordingly.

AN inquest was held 28th May, 1875, at Christchurch, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., J.P., upon the body of Charles Wedge, aged 60, a labourer. The evidence showed that deceased was subject to epileptic fits, and was last seen alive at 8.20 p.m. on the 26th; at 8 a.m. on the 27th he was found dead in a creek in Salisbury street east. Verdict—"Found drowned."

AN inquest was held on the 29th May, 1875, at Timaru, before B. Woolcombe, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of Arthur Gascoigne, aged 36, a carter. The evidence showed that deceased was thrown from his dray (the wheel of which passed over and broke his leg) while under the influence of drink, on the 25th. He died in the hospital on the 28th. Verdict—"Accidentally falling from his dray while in a state of drink, and the dray wheel passing over his leg and breaking it."

ON the 31st ultimo, an inquest was held at Timaru, before B. Woolcombe, Esq., J.P., upon the body of Harry Thorpe, aged 25, a wool sorter. The evidence showed that deceased was travelling from the South, on the night