

Elizabeth Pettifer

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DEATH.

PETTIFER—On the 28th September, at Kyabram, Elizabeth Lucy, only daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Pettifer. Aged 10 months and 3 weeks.

Fairer than the flowers above her,
Fading on her still cold breast,
Placed by gentle hands that loved her,
Our darling Lucy has gone to rest.

A very sudden and painful death occurred here [Kyabram] on Thursday morning last, the deceased being an infant about eleven months old, named Eliza Lucy Pettifer. It appears that the parents who have only recently come here from Rushworth, saw the child about 2 a.m. on Thursday, when it appeared quite well, but on visiting its couch at 7 o'clock, the mother was horrified at finding her baby quite dead, and nearly cold.

Dr. Carney was immediately sent for, but of course he could do nothing.

At the magisterial inquiry held by Mr C. Forge, J.P., Dr Carney stated that he had made a post mortem examination of the body, and had discovered a large piece of the core of an orange quite undigested in the stomach. He submitted that the irritation caused by this had produced congestion of the brain and convulsions, in one of which the child had died, and a verdict was recorded in accordance with the medical testimony.

The remains were taken to Rushworth on Saturday and interred in the cemetery there.