

crossing the Commercial-road opposite the ... row a tramway car came along, which the deceased and her companion tried to avoid by stepping in front of the horses. The instant she did so a cart came along and the deceased run backwards and fell under the wheels of the car, the off-side one passing over her legs. She was at once picked up and removed to the hospital, when it was found necessary to amputate, and on Saturday she died from exhaustion. The other child fortunately escaped unhurt.

The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

### SUICIDE AT ST. KATHARINE'S DOCKS.

On Tuesday an inquest was held at the Crown Tavern, Aldgate, respecting the death of Thomas Groggin, aged thirty-four years, a lighterman, who committed suicide through being involved in debt.

Jane Groggin, 8, Queen-street, Tower-hill, wife of the deceased, stated that for the past three weeks her husband had been in a very desponding state of mind. He owed money for rent, and likewise to other people. For weeks past he had not slept. At three o'clock last Saturday morning he got up and dressed, and left the house without saying a word, and she never again saw him alive. He had often threatened to make away with himself, as he was out of employment. After he left the house she found the following letter lying upon the table:

"Dear Wife, -Good-bye, love, for ever. The knowledge of my debts I cannot bear. You know that I am your husband, and may God forgive me for my rash act, as you know it will be better for you.  
"T. GROGGIN."

John Rowe, dock gatekeeper, deposed that about half past three o'clock on last Saturday morning he heard a splash in the lock, and on proceeding there found the deceased struggling in the water. He at once procured the drags, but life was extinct before he could recover the body.

The Coroner having summed up,

The Jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst in a state of unsound mind.

### DARING BURGLARY IN HACKNEY.

At the Middlesex Sessions on Tuesday, William Richmond, thirty-three, was charged with having on the 10th December last, broken and entered the dwelling-house of Mr James Dyall, of 12, Hackney-road, and stealing 250 veneers of walnut, value £15, his property.

On the 10th December last the premises of Mr Dyall, who carries on business as a timber merchant at the above address, were broken into, and 250 walnut veneers were stolen. On the following Saturday two of these veneers were found in the cellar of the prisoner's house at Crabtree-road, where he works as a picture-frame maker. The prisoner said he had bought them of Mr Brine, of Old Montagu-street, and Cowley, detective of the H division, who was employed in investigating the matter, went to Mr Brine's to ascertain the truth of this statement. On his return he found the prisoner had absconded, and it was only on the 10th inst. that anything more was heard of him, when he was taken on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Mr Brine was called, and said he had sold no such veneers to the prisoner.

The jury found the prisoner Guilty of receiving

air "O Thou that Tellest," was remarkable for expression and clearness of articulation seldom found in one so young. Miss Adams appeared to advantage in the air "He shall feed his Flock," and Miss Plater made a favourable impression in rendering "But thou didst not leave his soul in Hell." We certainly did not agree with Mr E. Carders interpretation of the air "Why do the Nations Rage," and in this we were not singular for the audience could scarcely have been more amused with a buffo song. Miss Pocklington's assistance was deservedly appreciated, and in justice to the choir, it must be acknowledged that each of the numbers were rendered with great effect. The Halle's choir, especially, was given with a solidity and perfection of style seldom met with in the East of London. The second part of the programme was appropriated to secular music. Miss Cecilia Fuller was recalled for her clever delivery of Donizetti's "Qui la Voce," and like compliment was paid to Miss Pocklington, who exceeded the merit of her first effort by her charming rendering of Levey's pretty song "Esmeralda." Mr Edwin Stevens has a tenor voice of good quality, and having shown its capacity in Sullivan's "Once again," he was re-called, and still further pleased the audience with "My Sweetheart when a boy." Glover's duet "Tis the hour for Music" (Miss Plater and Mrs Bishop) and some part songs by the choir, was also amongst the appreciated performances, and the undoubted success of the concert was the most fitting gauge of the ability of the painstaking conductor, Mr Alfred Carder.

### CONFERENCE OF TRADES UNIONS.

On Wednesday evening last, an adjourned conference was held at Cooper's Dining Halls, Eldon street, Finsbury, for the purpose of receiving the reports of the various delegates. The chair was taken by Mr Shriver. The societies represented were the Carmen's Society, the Lightermen's Watermen's Association, and the Labour Protection League. The chairman having briefly reviewed the past work of the Conference, stated that the greatest unanimity prevailed amongst the carmen with respect to the proposed amalgamation, if time however, was necessary to clear away any misconceptions standing in the way of an amicable conclusion, he thought that they might again adjourn. The chairman having to retire, his position was taken by Mr Morgan. The various delegates then gave in their reports, those of the League striking the opposition which had emanated from a section of their League to the lightermen. Those objections were very satisfactorily replied to by Mr Shriver and his colleague on behalf of the lightermen. At some other business of a routine character, it was decided to again adjourn the Conference till the 16th of April.

It was announced that a special meeting of Carmen, of the Paddington Branch, would take place at the Great Western Stores, Harrow-road, Saturday next, March 29th 1873, at 8 p.m., and a general meeting at the St. John of Jerusalem, Dorset street, Clerkenwell, on Sunday next, March 30th at 6 p.m. Notice was also given that a conference of delegates of the Labour League would be held Saturday night next, at 8 p.m., at Mr Frost's, Queen's Head, Freeschool-street, Horsleydown, the purpose of taking steps for a public demonstration on Good Friday next. Invites were given to the societies present to join on that occasion. Intimation was likewise given that the Carmen would have a day-out on Whit-Monday, and similar invites tendered. Vans to accommodate City friends would start from the Bull's Head, Jewin-crescent, Aldersgate-street.

At two o'clock on Thursday morning a fire broke out on the premises in Finsbury-street the upper part