



William Gibbs is buried in the Port Chalmers Old Cemetery.

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FATAL ACCIDENT.

A shocking accident, unhappily attended by fatal consequences, occurred on Thursday morning at Kilgour's Point Quarry, near Port Chalmers. The quarry was being worked for ballasting purposes by three men named William Gibbs, William Hoskins, and Griffith Jones. The two first named were working on a ledge fronting a face about 10ft high, and were engaged in drilling a shot-hole, Gibbs turning the drill and Hoskins striking. Suddenly, without the slightest warning, a portion of the face above them gave way, and between two and three tons of stone fell. Hoskins escaped by springing backward, but only in the nick of time to avoid the falling mass of large rubble, whilst the unfortunate man was caught by it, thrown down, and partly covered. He twice uttered a piercing cry, "Oh, oh, I am killed," and then spoke no more. Hoskins immediately rushed to his rescue, as also did Jones, who was loading a lighter with stone at the foot of the quarry, and by their united efforts Gibbs was very soon released. But it was apparent that the injuries he had received were of a very serious character, his head and legs being shockingly mangled. Having a boat at their command, they placed Gibbs in it and conveyed him to the landing-place at the head of Mussel Bay, but on arriving there it was found that he was dead. The medical aid called in was of course unavailing. Information of the sad occurrence was at once given to the Police, and the body was removed to the Morgue to await inquest. An examination of the body manifested that both thighs and the left arm were broken, and that a large piece of the scalp had been torn off the back of the head. The only wonder is that death was not instantaneous. The deceased man had long resided at Carey's Bay, and was in moderately good circumstances. We understand that he was unmarried.