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CHILD'S SUDDEN DEATH. – On Wednesday the Deputy Coroner (F.A. JOYCE, Esq.) held an inquest at the Primitive Methodist School, Ryde, upon the body of **William Anthony George CROSS**, of Binstead.

Florence CROSS, wife of William CROSS, a labourer on the railway, said she was in domestic service at The Pitts, Binstead. On July 7 the deceased fell out of the bed-room window on to the flower-plot, a distance of about 10ft., but appeared none the worse for the fall. He had always been a strong healthy boy and very happy. On Tuesday at about 2 p.m., he said he was going to see Mr. LOWE milk the cows.

Wallace Edgar LOWE, dairyman farmer, of 4 King's-road, Binstead, deposed that on Tuesday afternoon he was at his farm adjoining The Pitts, when the deceased came into the cow-shed. He was very talkative and in his usual good spirits, and remained about half an hour. A few minutes later he heard a choking sound, and, looking out, saw the deceased a few yards away lying face downwards on the grass. He lifted him up and took him into the shed. With the assistance of a young man named Reginald MOULAND, he loosened the boy's clothing, bathed his face, and rubbed his limbs. As he did not revive he telephoned for a doctor and carried the deceased to his home, where he was put to bed, but expired soon afterwards.

Dr. J.W. PRIDMORE stated that as the result of a post-mortem examination he found the child well nourished. Death was due to cardiac failure.

The Coroner returned a verdict accordingly.
