ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 27th September 1902

STRANGE DEATH OF A BOY.---A inquest was held at the "Oakfield Inn" on Friday evening, by the Deputy Coroner (Mr F. A. JOYCE), touching the death of **Cecil ATTRILL**, aged 10, who resided with his parents at No. 2, Oakfield Hill. The evidence showed that about a week ago deceased was playing in a field where some rubbish was burning, and ashes went into the top of his boot. He went to school on the Monday and Tuesday, and attended choir practice on the evening of the latter day. The following morning he called his mother and complained of pains in his stomach and of feeling sick. He appeared cheerful in the evening, but died the next morning at 7 o'clock, before the arrival of the doctor. Dr. TURNER, who made a post mortem examination, found a wonderful clotting of blood in the heart, and that one clot had become detached and blocked the pulmonary artery. The immediate cause of death was pulmonary apoplexy. The burning would have some influence on the coagulability of the blood. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

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