

Tragedy at Binstead.

A startling and sad discovery was made at 4 Kings-road, Binstead, on Wednesday the body of Mrs **Alice M. LOWE**, wife of Mr W. E. LOWE, dairyman and parish councillor, being found suspended to the stairs banister, the tragic discovery being made by her husband about 11.15a.m. She was cut down and a doctor sent for but life was extinct. The deceased who resided with her husband and niece at the above address had for some years been subject to periodical fits of depression for which she was medically attended, and during the last fortnight she had complained of pains in the head and sleeplessness. On Wednesday morning Mr LOWE left the house about 6 30 to go to his farm and returned about 9 30 for breakfast when his wife said she felt better although she had little sleep during the night. Soon afterwards the husband went to finish his milk round and his niece who usually left about 10.45 every morning to deliver milk in Ryde went earlier as deceased had said she wanted to do shopping in the town. Mr LOWE returned as stated soon after eleven and finding the outer door locked, entered by the kitchen window when he found the door leading to the front of the house also fastened which caused him to become suspicious. He thereupon burst it open and found his wife hanging by the neck from a rope fastened to the banister of the stair. Dr. PRIDMORE subsequently examined the body. She was 48.

The Coroner has fixed the inquest for to-day (Saturday).
