

Derek Lawrence Palmer

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Schoolboy`s Death.-----Sincere sympathy is felt with Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Palmer, of 37 Cross-lanes, in the death of their son Derek Lawrence, aged 11, which occurred at the County Hospital on Thursday week from tetanus. The Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. Webster) held an inquest at the hospital on Friday week. Medical evidence showed that the boy was admitted on June 21st, when his condition suggested meningitis. This proved to be unfounded and tetanus was diagnosed. The usual treatment was applied, but the disease had gained a firm hold and he died on June 26th. Two small wounds which had healed were on the bottom of one foot. The father said that Derek was in his usual good health until he fell down suddenly on June 19th. He then complained of pains in his back, especially at the top of the spine. He had a sore foot several weeks ago caused by a nail in his shoe. An ordinary small wound was formed, which had been bathed and washed out by witness and his wife. A verdict of death from tetanus was recorded. The funeral took place on Monday in St. Paul`s Church, Barton, the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Kelsey) officiating. The mourners were Mr. F. Palmer (father), Pte. F. Palmer (brother), Miss D. Palmer (sister), Miss N. Palmer and Mrs. I. Pearson (aunts), and Mr. A. Palmer (uncle). Others present included about 20 boys from the Barton Boys` Council School, who also gave a wreath. The interment was at St. Paul`s Cemetery, and the arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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