Childrens Accident & Death Reports



May 6th 1865 Boy Drowned At Underbank

Last night a melancholy occurrence took place at Underbank, under the following circumstances. About noon a little boy, between four and five years of age called Cornelius Greenwood, son of Townend Greenwood factory operative, left his home saying he was going to play with the other boys. Soon after he was seen amusing himself with some ducks on the lodge of Messrs Dawson and Howorth's mill, and was driven away from the embankment by a man named Hugh Taylor. As he did not put in an appearance at home towards night, his parents began to be alarmed, and suspicion leading persons to think that he might be in the above lodge, the water was let off, and, sad, to say, his lifeless body was found therein between six and seven o'clock. The poor mother and family. On receiving the information appeared very much distressed.

April 1907 Bacup Childs Singular Death Septic Poisoning

The Bacup Police were notified on Tuesday of the somewhat singular death of John Hargreaves Booth, the four and half year old son of James Booth, 78 Huttock Top, Bacup a traveller in the employ of George Hargreaves, wholesale dealer of Market Street. It appeared that the child had suffered periodically from convulsions from birth and had been repeatedly attended to by Dr's Brooks. When the attacks were on it was the custom of the parents to give the child a hot bath, and then apply a meal poultice. About five weeks ago the child had another attack, and unfortunately the parents had no linseed meal in the house, and a suggestion was made to them that a bag of hot salt should be used instead. The hot salt was applied, the child at the time being in a unconscious condition, and it was afterwards found it had blistered

the child's breast. The doctor attended the child but it died yesterday afternoon from septic poisoning.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A TRAMCAR

Young Boy's Miraculous Escape At Bacup.

A young boy named Henry Kerrone about six years of age, son of Mr S Kerrone, Weaver, of India Mill Court Bacup had a miraculous escape from being seriously injured about 6.30 on Wednesday. The lad was playing in Newchurch Road—near the offices of Messer's Joshua Hoyle and Sons Ltd, Cotton manufacturers. When he ran in front of a passing trancar and was knocked down. The motorman who was entirely blameless promptly applied the brakes and brought the car to a standstill within a few yards. Fortunately young Kerrone had been caught by the automatic lifeguard, otherwise he would undoubtedly have been seriously, if not fatally injured. As it was, beyond being badly shaken, he was little the worse for his misadventure and was able to attend school as usual on the following day.

Bacun Times 1920 BACUP BOY

SCALP WOUND SUSTAINED WHILE AT PLAY

About half-past seven on Thursday evening a boy named Martin Monaghan, aged 8 years of 39 Plantation Street, Bacup, was playing with a number of other lads in a disused quarry not far from his home at a place called Banks. It is supposed that the lads had been throwing stones and that one had caught Monaghan a blow on the head, causing a rather severe scalp wound, with concussion, He was carried home and was seen by Dr Taylor who attended to the injury. The lad who had been rendered unconscious by the blow he had received was removed to Rochdale Infirmary.

Bacup Times April 16th 1904 Child Overlaid At Bacup

An inquest was held at the court house Bacup on Wednesday, touching the death of an infant named John Marshall, 9 Temple Court, Bacup, who had been found dead in bed at 5.55 am on the 12th inst. The only witness called was the mother of the child, who stated that it had been very healthy from birth. About 3am on the 12th inst it appeared to be all right, but on awakening at 5.55 am the same morning witness found that the child had died. The body was slightly discoloured behind the neck and back. A verdict that the child had been accidentally overlaid was returned.