

Sudden Death.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Benson were pained to hear of the sudden death, from accidental poisoning, of their little 17 months old son last Friday evening along about supper time. Mrs. Benson had stepped outside for some firewood, when the oldest boy, about four years old, got a chair, drew it up to a table which was standing across the window, climbing onto the table and took down a bottle of carbolic acid, which was on the upper part of the window. Getting down from the table the little fellow drew the cork and handed the bottle to his little baby brother who put it to his lips and swallowed some of the burning acid, the older brother recorking the bottle and putting it back in the window where he got it. The distracted mother summoned aid and a physician, but in spite of all that could be done in a few minutes from the time it drank the poison the spirit of the little boy had winged its way into the unknown kingdom. It is indeed a very hard blow to Mr. and Mrs. Benson, this being the second child they have lost in the past two or three years. The sympathy of this whole community is extended to them in this hour of deep affliction. The remains of the little baby boy were laid to rest in the Westley cemetery south of town. The bereaved parents feel keenly the loss of their loved one, the mother having suffered until she is bordering on nervous prostration.
