BURSTING OF ONE OF THE HOLME RESERVOIRS.

UPWARDS OF 100 LIVES LOST.

One of the most terrific and destructive catasber trophes that ever happened in England took place at the inmates of the seven cottages escaped with their lives. | next shop to this had recently been taken by Mr. William-Holmfirth, in this county, on Thursday morning. Indeed. we should not be wrong in stating that anything more truly appalling is scarcely to be found in the records of this Iffi. country. Past the hour of midnight, when the inhabitants rve of a prosperous and peaceful manufacturing town of considerable importance are all fast locked in the embraces of sleep, they are suddenly overwhelmed by a sea of water, and before they have time to ascertain the cause, their houses are razed to their foundations, as if a tornado had and swept over them, and themselves and their furniture preof cipitated into the impetuous, dashing, foaming torrent. A more complete wreck, a more melancholy scene than Holmfirth presented to the thousands who visited it on Thursday, has never been beheld. The shops left standing told were all closed,—the streets were knee deep in mud, and r of filled with broken furniture, carding machines, huge iron been boilers, bags of wool, and other things, and the grave yards by a plank. The wall surrounding the church had been had their dead dislodged, and their contents borne again washed away by the torrent, and the few trees planted in to the doors of the living. Altogether the scene was one of heart-rending misery; numbers, who retired to rest the night before in comfortable circumstances, in the morning about five feet. The floor was torn up—the pews had been found themselves homeless, penniless, and, so far as their floating, and the floor was covered with sand and mud and immediate relatives are concerned, friendless; and opic many never even saw the morning light, having perished body of the goat that had been washed from Upper Digley in the overwhelming flood.

At the time we write, (Thursday evening) the confusion saily and uncertainty is so great that it is impossible to ascertain the | the number of persons who have lost their lives; but from | and all that we can learn, about fifty bodies have been recovered from the wreck, and it is thought that at least | the churchyard. forty more are missing. The exact number will not, however, be ascertained for some days. Some of the bodies nties have been found at a distance of many miles from the scene formed. ter.) of the disaster.

account of the reservoirs, and an explanation respecting | considerable. Six houses, which formed Water-street, were ed it the locality.

town is built in a deep valley, with immense ranges of in one of them—the endmost left standing—there were hills on each side, and at the lowest level, in a somewhat sixteen individuals, who saved their lives by getting on an ear, circuitous course through the centre of the town, winds the adjoining roof. In one of the houses that were flooded, the when they terminate on vast tracts of moorland. Along houses that was taken down at Hinchliffe Mill, as nearly The water swept through the lower part of the mill, and depositing the Right Honourable Baronet and attendants | the bed of these ravines runs a strong mountain stream, as could be ascertained from the neighbours, who were all carried away the dry-house and other outbuildings. The at the Citadel Station, the postillions returned to Longenlarged as it rushes on from the moors, by the streamlets husy with mops, buckets, and barrows, clearing their houses engine-man lived in a cottage on the premises. It was filled town with the carriages; but instead of going to the fr which fall down the mountain sides, until it reaches Holms Bridge, where it meets and empties itself in the river Holme, which passes through Holmfirth. On each Dodd, steam tenter, his wife, and two children; the third him to look back for his child, and on turning round it was feet and the carriage wheels. In consequence of the C side of this stream of water are crected numerous scribbling and fulling mills along the whole course of the valley, James Metternich, clothier, and nine others; the fifth by leg or an arm—thus saving both himself and child. having been erected there for the purpose of taking advantage of the water power which this watercourse furnishes. As the supply of water in droughty weather is inadequate | nine others—out of the whole of whom, seven were said to | and the loss both of life and property too vast, to enable them | water coming down in a great volume (a phenomenon | ca for the purposes required, the idea was conceived of storing have been saved, leaving thirty-two to be accounted for! to get at once at all the details. It is a serious and dire peculiar to these rivers). He instantly threw himself into m up water in huge reservoirs at the top of the highest hills; Many of them were taken out of the water during Thurs- calamity to Holmfirth, the results of which will be felt for the stream and swam for his life, and it was with great R. and to the hursting of one of these reservoirs the present | day. At the New Inn, at Hinchliffe Mill, seven of the | many years to come. frightful destruction of life and property is attributable. The "Holme reservoirs" are three in number, and are

the authority of an Act of Parliament, passed in 1840; and constructed under the superintendence of Mr. Leather. blocked with broken machinery, heavy pieces of timber, and C.E., of Leeds. The cost of the whole was £70,000 or more, £40,000 of which was raised in shares, and the fter other £30,000 on mortgage of the works, the company of shareholders having power to lay rates upon the millowners using the water, as is done by gas and water companies. | factory, which is a very large one, sustained comparatively out, As a pecuniary speculation, the concern has been a failure. ply owing in part, it is said, to the heavy law expenses in which re- let out, and as the heavy rains have very much filled the reservoir, its weight, acting upon what has long been consito | rush down into the ravine, along the valley of the Holme, with a force which must have been perfectly resistless.

firth that it was likely to give way. Some of the Company's servants were watching it on Wednesday, and in consequence of something that transpired, the whole of the families connected with the Dighley Mill, which is near the reservoir, fortunately removed the night before. Had they not done so, there would doubtless have been a serious addi- partial breakage of the machinery in the lower story. In tion to the present fearful loss of life. These premises consisted of a mill 14 yards square and four stories high; a weaving shed, with 34 power-looms at work; steam engine and water power; two superior dwelling-houses, one occupied by Mrs. Hirst (widow of the late Mr. George Hirst), the yard of the factory Mr. Sandford resided. His house and family, and the other by Mr. Henry Beardsall; also cot- was swept away, and with it were taken himself, his two tages and numerous outbuildings; making altogether quite | children, and his servant. The factory also sustained very a small town. These premises stood in a rather wide part serious damage in its walls and machinery. of the valley, but not far from a curve in it, and when our Prockleton, or Farrar's upper mill is the next, the large ruins, who, though they deplored the havoc, rejoiced that reporter visited the place on Thursday, there was literally dyehouse of which was completely cleared, with its huge no lives were lost on this dreadful occasion." not one stone left upon another; the whole suite of buildings pans and fixtures. These were the property of Mr. John were swept away, with the exception of a tall engine chim- Farrar. The factory known as the Lower Mill is situate at ney, round the base of which gurgled the still foaming and little lower, and was built across the stream, but the torrent angry water. A more complete destruction cannot be of water rushed onward and carried the greater portion of extremely wet. The fall of rain on Wednesday was very imagined. The engine was carried a considerable distance | the factory along with it, leaving only the two ends stand- | heavy. Some of the oldest inhabitants declare that there down the stream, where it got imbedded in the mud. The ing. This factory was filled with valuable machinery and has not been such a flood of rain in the neighbourhood for rumours which induced the parties at Dighley to remove, woollen material, and is the property of Mr. Hobson Farrar. the last forty years. We are glad to say, however, that the were current in Holmfirth the same evening, but unfortu- In the factory yard two children named Woodcock were flood has not been the cause of any damage that we hear of nately the inhabitants, from often having heard similar ru- drowned, and a little further down a third was discovered mours before, disregarded them, and retired to rest, dead.

has always, from being leaky, been regarded as unsafe, and

from time to time rumours have been circulated in Holm-

hoping that all would be well. barrier a little after one o'clock on Thursday morning, and | them were Jonathan Crossland, of Hinchliffe Mill, and his | without rain. On Wednesday last we had a complete from the appearances which every where present themselves, son, a young man, the latter of whom had been taken out hurricane. The rain poured down, accompanied by a strong must have swept down the ravine with most terrific force. at Upper Mill, where he had been so tightly wedged into wind from the south-west, which blew a regular gale. The On the banks lay trees, which have stood many a wintry | the wall that two men bad hard work to drag him out. | brooks in the vicinity were swollen and overflowed their blast, torn up by the roots; the dead carcases of horses, Amongst these unfortunates was a woman named Hellawell banks, and the flood was so great that the various mills cows, goats, and other cattle; here and there broken ma- and her three children. They had been taken out of a house chinery, bage of wool, carding machines, dye-pans, steam | within thirty yards of the George Inn. engine boilers, timber, spars, looms, furniture, and every variety of articles.

cliff mill, states that while in bed he was awoke by the into the house, they were all in bed, and his wife and children water, its approach being preceded by a loud hoarse hissing were drowned. Hellwell jumped to the top of his loom, noise, about half-past one o'clock; that he immediately got | where he narrowly escaped death, but fortunately the water up, and awoke as many of his neighbours as he could, but did not quite reach the ceiling, and he remained upon his pred the houses nearest the water were almost instantaneously carious perch until it subsided. The warehouse of Mr. John filled up to the chamber floors.

whole body of accumulated waters had tumbled down the The house of Mr. James Charlesworth, manager of the valley together, sweeping all before them, throwing a four story mill down like a thing of nought, tossing steam engine boilers about like a feather, and carrying death and the two houses was washed away, but no lives were lost. destruction in their progress. Their passage down to Holm-Hirth, a distance of three miles, occupied less than half an hour, and in rather more than an hour they had receded from the houses. In consequence of the narrowness between the bluffs on either side, a vast volume of water would be kept together, to spend its force upon Holmfirth, after ed | which it would get more into the open country, (which was very much under water the whole of Thursday), all the way down to Honley, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, and even 1. | below Mirfield.

Taking, then, the reservoir as our starting point, we will now proceed to give some details of the sad havor which it has made. A few hundred yards below the reservoir stood a small

building, two stories high, called Billberry Mill. It was in the occupation of Mr. Joseph Broadhead, and used as a scribbling and dressing mill. This was built on one side. and rather out of the direct course of the torrent, as it rolled in its leviathan proportions down the valley. The end of the mill was caught by the sudden swell, and about 10 ft. in length and its gable were washed down the valley. A

man at this mill stated that he had witnessed the overflow n of the embankment when the ordinary channel out of the 1- reservoir had become too small for the outpouring—that the water had rolled over the embankment until a large breadth \_ and depth had been washed away, and then the puddlebank n and the inner lining of the reservoir, to the depth of 50 ft. gave way in one immense body, and down went masses of rock weighing several tons, and everything else that offered 3 | the slightest obstacle to its onward course.

A few hundred yards down the valley, and on the same side as Billberry Mill, stood Digley Upper mill, lately occud | pied by Mr. John Furniss, woollen manufacturer, whose | e | affairs are now in the hands of the Leeds Bankruptcy Court. e The building was a block of stone work, consisting of a I factory, a large house, farm buildings, and outhouses. The e end of the mill is washed away, a quantity of machinery, and a large amount of property in the shape of pieces, straw honnet shap, and Wm. Martin, watch and clock to have risen considerably higher than it was at the flood in warps, &c, destroyed, and the gable end of the house, straw bonnet shop, and Wm. Martin, watch and clock August, 1799, which was the forerunner of "Barley Times." which is comparatively new, and the whole of the farm buildings, swept away. In the latter were 12 tons of hay, three cows, a horse, a goat, a duck, and several head and Mr. Alfred Wood, draper and grocer, were filled to the - of poultry, which were all carried down the stream. In 3 the house were Mrs. Furniss and her two children, and in bed in one of the chambers were two messengers from the amount to from £1,500 to £2,000. bankruptcy court. They were alarmed at the rapid rise of the water about half-past twelve o'clock, and left Moorhouse, a Magistrate of the West Riding, and formerly

remained in the house at one end of the mill until Thursday morning without sustaining any personal injury. He was rescued in a a cart during Thursday. A short distance—perhaps 500 yards below—the valley

narrows between two lofty hills, and here, Digley Mill, upwards of 60 yards square, crossed the valley. This was a substantial stone-built factory, four stories high, with an attic used as workshops above. It was driven by a large up to the ceiling. water wheel (as were the two mills before mentioned) and a steam engine. The property of this mill was lately valued and tailor, is gutted, and his stock, worth £700, nearly all executors of its late owner, Mr. George Hirst. The whole out at the back over the grounds of Mr. Charlesworth, and leaving nothing of them standing above the ground. This flooring with it. Mr. Charles Boocock, who has just comproperty belonged to Mr. John Roebuck.

The valley here widens, until it reaches Holme Bridge, a small village composed of a few hundred inhabitants. The stream here is crossed by a bridge of one arch, about forty yards on one side of which stands Holme-bridge church, in the centre of a grave yard; and about the same distance on the other side stand a tollgate and a number of dwellings. The foundations of the bridge are washed completely bare, and on Thursday, the stream flowing from the Billberry reservoir was mainly passing through a large opening washed in the road on the outside of the bridge, which was about ten yards wide, ten feet deep, and had to be crossed the yard were uprooted and had gone down the stream. The interior of the church and the grave yard presented a most awful spectacle. Inside the church the water had risen several inches thick. In the centre of the aisle was laid the mill, and within a few feet of it, resting on the seat of one of the pews, lay the remains of an infant, and on the top of the stairs leading into the gallery lay the coffin and remains of a full grown man. Both these human relics, with others not found, had been washed up from their graves by the whirlpools formed by the headlong current, as it passed over |

almost covered with huge masses of stone and other loose substances, of which the bank of the reservoir had been HINCHLIFFE UPPER MILL was the next place reached

Before proceeding with our narrative of this most me- by the rushing water; and here, as the stream was more proy, lancholy event, it may enable our readers to comprehend | confined in its channel by the buildings erected on its hurled forward with the flood, and nearly all the inmates Holmfirth is about seven miles from Huddersfield, and is perished. The houses in this neighbourhood not washed He accessible by the Hudderssield and Penistone Railway. The down were in some cases flooded into the chambers; and Joshua Earnshaw, master clothier, his little girl, and two The above are all the particulars our Reporters could The men drove the horses into the stream notwithstandbodies of those who had been drowned in their houses, were laid out. The factory that gives the name of Hinchliffe | before Mr. Dyson, coroner. formed at the top of the hills, at some distance from each | Upper Mill to the village, is a large building, five stories other. They are called "the Bilberry," "the Holmestye." | high, thirteen windows long, and five broad. The damage and "the Bawshaw" reservoirs. They were made under in the mill seemed to have been confined to the lower story, the windows of which, and those of the second story, were furniture, which had floated down from above.

The country grows wider below the last mentioned place. and in the centre of a wide valley stands Bottom's Mill From the open country here offered to the stream, this very little damage.

In a cottage on the hill-side opposite to Bottoms' Mill, ted the Company have been involved. The particular reservoir was laid the son of James Metternick, of Hinchliffe Mill, hat | which has caused the present destruction is "the Bilberry." | just mentioned, from whom we obtained the following the It is situated three miles from Holmfirth, at the foot of the statement. His name is James Metternick, and he is about the | Moors which extend from the Yorkshire and Cheshire | 24 years of age. He said there were ten of us in our house the hills, and terminate in a bluff or hill, called "Good Bent." | -my father, step-mother, and eight children. Somebody | interest in connection with the above terrible calamity. me | The reservoir lies between two hills, called Hobrook hill came and roused us just after one o'clock. I put on my i to and Lion bank, the former of which forms its north, and trousers; my step-mother and I stood in the stairs. We by | the latter its south boundary. The water for this reservoir is | looked out of the windows, and saw a large quantity of ling supplied by the confluence of two streams at the foot of water and sticks coming down. From their appearance, we "Good Bent" bluff, which drain the vast extent of moor- | knew the reservoir had burst. I and my step-mother came sir | land in that district for many miles. The embankment to | down stairs, then stood on the stairs, and my father handed juse form the other side of the reservoir is constructed a little | us the children who were as leep in the house, for us to lift into lower down, where the valley or ravine widens; and by this the chamber. The water burst in at the window and means, with two natural embankments, and the one alluded | through the door, filled the lower room and half filled the to, a vast reservoir is formed with a surface of eleven acres | chamber. I ran with the rest into the garret, except my or more. The depth is said to be 84 feet. The surplus father and one child, who we expected were drowned in water is carried away by a tunnel, running under the reser- | the house. About half a minute after we had got into the voir, communicated with by a funnel or chimney, in the garret the whole house gave way and we were all swept centre of the reservoir, which is worked by means of a down the stream, and I saw no more of any of them. No shuttle. This shuttle, it has been alleged, has latterly be. | part of the house touched me that I know of. When I got come unworkable, preventing the surplus water from being | into Harpin's (Bottoms') dam, I caught hold of a piece of wood and sprang up. I got a good sob of breath, and then went under the water and lost my hold of the plank; on dered an insecure embankment, the latter has suddenly coming up again, I got hold of another and again rolled sed given way, and allowed the accumulated waters to over; at last I got hold of a large piece of timber and kept my hold. I got hold of a small piece of wood and paddled it towards the side. A gush of wind then came As we have intimated, the embankment of the reservoir and blew me towards the land on the Austonley side. leaped off the timber and fell up to my neck in water, but I managed to scramble out of the water, and after falling several times I got into Hannah Berry's, and stripped my trousers and shirt (all I had on) and went to bed. I was nearly exhausted.

The next building in the valley is Victoria Mill, which has sustained little damage beyond the derangement and the yard of this factory three houses were swept away, but no lives lost. Within a stone throw of Victoria Mill stands Dyson's

Mill, which was occupied by Mr. Jonathan Sandford. In

At the George Inn, near this place, nine bodies, prin-

Between Mr. Farrar's dyehouse and Holmfirth, is a place called Scar Fold, where a person named Hellwell, the Lowbridge beck, together with a pig, but no great A young man, named Geo. Marsh, residing near Hinch- his wife, and two children, resided. When the water burst Haigh, grocer, in the same locality, was filled with water, From concurrent statements, it would seem as if the and entirely gutted. His loss will be from £300 to £400. Holmfirth Branch of the Huddersfield Banking Company, adjoins the house of Mr. Haigh, and the partition between The shop of a cooper, named Coldwell, was also gutted.

roots. Mr. Robinson, a currier, occupied one of these sustained. houses, and both himself and the whole of his family perished. The shops of Mr. Henry Firth, grocer, and Mr. Abel Hoyle, green-grocer, are amongst those destroyed, but

they did not live on the premises. VICTORIA-BRIDGE.—This bridge was dismantled, like all maker, (both of whose stock is destroyed,) and James Whiteley. The houses of Mr. Johnson, tinner and brazier, damaged. Mr. Alfred Wood's damage, it is said, will day on Thursday, also, the rain continued, but was not any-

CUTTLE BOTTOM.—This property belongs to Mr. Joseph ; the house; one of the messengers, named Wm. Crumpton, a woollen manufacturer. A dry-house, a wrichouse, a dye-

at upwards of £12,000, and it was in the hands of the swept away. The water rushed through the premises and of this mill, extensive farm buildings, and seven cottages, then joined the river. The house of Mr. Gutteridge, stopped from a similar cause. were swept down with the torrent, and with them four confectioner, is also gutted, and the floor has given way. valuable cows, and a horse valued at 40 guineas. Fortunately Mr. Dyson's druggist shop and stock are also damaged. The Bank End Mill is the next building in the valley. Its son, a draper, and was to have been opened on Saturday banks, and the water entering the lower storey of the mill, gable end, and one window from the top to the bottom of (this day), it having been stocked with goods to the amount of the machinery, causingly nearly the building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly the building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery, causingly nearly and building was marked away part of the machinery. the building, were washed away. It was completely gatted of £600. When the rush came, the shop window was in the lower rooms, and the machinery in the upper burst in by the root of a large tree, which was borne along stories was thrown together in heaps. The dyehouse and with such force, that it passed through the shop and out at the stove, about 60 yards long, were completely cleared away, opposite side of the building, carrying part of the wall and menced as a grocer and provision dealer, had a quantity of day in this neighbourhood, the river Eden and its tributaries provisions destroyed and the back part of his premises have swollen to an extent beyond the recollection of any taken away. About £100 damage has been done to the living person, and it is feared that great damage has been ' stock of Mr. Lawson, tinner, and a like amount to the done to adjoining property. The waters of the Caldew and with water, but no lives were lost.

> TOWN GATE.—The house and shop of Mr. Garside, ironmonger, were much damaged, and the lower part the water ewam through, entering in at the window, and coming out £300. The water also passed through Jolly Hatter's Inn; and a small shoe shop in the neighbourhood, belonging to Elliot Brown, was completely swept MILL FOLD.—In this locality, the flood has taken down

several houses, and all its occupants and families have perished. S. Hartley, engineer, of Holmfirth Mill, and all his Richard Shackleton was also taken down by the torrent, and both he and his wife, and two children, have disappeared. At the opposite side of the river, at this point, is a burial ground attached to the Wesleyan chapel. Part of the vestry was destroyed, and the grave yard very much place. The vault, in which the body of the late John Harpin, Esq., of Birks House, was interred about two The road and fields from the reservoir downwards were | years ago, was torn open, and the coffin, with the remains of the deceased, were carried away. What makes this rather remarkable, is the fact, that Mr. Harpin was one of the chief promoters of the "Holme reservoir" scheme.

here. The whole of the new goit made by Messrs. Broadbetter the nature of the catastrophe, if we give some little edge, the devastation was immense, and the loss of life bent for Bridge Mill, was torn up, and also the embankment for the water lodge. The water took its course right through the mill, and made sad havoc, but the building is yet standing. The mill of Messrs. Joseph Brook and Son was also

> from the refuse of the flood:—The first house was occupied with water and gutted. In the moment of peril, he sprang stable-yard, they proceeded to the river Esk close by, as to by Miss Marsden and three others; the second by Joseph to the window to escape, but before he left it, it occurred to was their custom on such occasions, to wash the horses' is by Jonathan Crosland, and seven others; the fourth by just swimming out besides him; he only just caught it by a rain the river was swollen much beyond its usual size, as

> sons; and the sixth by John Charlesworth, clothier, and gather up to Thursday night. The mischief is too extensive, ing, but one of them, on looking up the river, perceived the th

The inquest is fixed to be opened to-morrrow (Saturday), Johnson, was not so fortunate. He was carried down Si

BODY FOUND AT MIRFIELD. Our Mirfield correspondent on Thursday night writes:—

"This morning, after the flood had somewhat subsided, the horses. The body of the deceased was recovered to-day. It nit body of a young woman, apparently from 20 to 30 years of age, was found floating in the river, near to Low Mills, in vouring to save which it was evident the unfortunate man be Mirfield. She had no clothing on, but had a ring on her finger. The body was removed to the Ship Inn, to await stance, Johnson's companion objected to go into the stream, ad the coroner's inquest. At Ledgard Bridge, and other places along the river side, large quantities of broken furniture persisted in it that there was no danger, and drove in be- No and machinery have been taken out; and at Shepley Bridge fore the other by way of encouraging him. A man was in- | gel a portion of a large bridge has been stopped. There is no doubt the body has been washed from Holmfirth.

The following particulars of the bursting of a reservoir at Holmfirth, more than thirty years ago, will be read with was published in the Leeds Mercury of Sept. 29th, 1821 :-

"The public have observed with much concern an apprehension, the influence of the rainy weather upon the harvest, but in the neighbourhood of Holmfirth it has produced other disastrous consequences. The rivulets ha considerably increased, without attracting much observe tion until Friday evening, the 21st inst., when the reser voir above Black-sike-mill broke, and a prodigious volum of water rolled down the valley, with rapid course an overwhelming violence. At first the water ran over th top, which indicated the danger, and warned those wh were in the mill, and in the adjoining houses, to escape They had just time enough to save their lives, but the saved nothing else. Immediately the side burst, the water rushed forth, the buildings were swept away, and all their property perished before their eyes. Amidst the horrors of this awful scene, with admirable presence of mind, the ran downwards to give the alarm to the workmen at the dye-house at Burnlee, who instantly fled, and it soo appeared that a moment's delay would have been fatal t them. The middle part of the dye-house was borne down by the inundation, but the two ends, which were recently and more strongly built, stood the shock. The devastation here was much less injurious than could have been sup posed, for all the account books, most of the dyeing wares and a part of the wool, were saved from the wreck. Through Holmfirth the water filled the cellars in many houses and rose three or four feet high on the ground floor. The low grounds were covered to a considerable distance from the water courses, the bridges were carried away by the torrent, the wear at Bridge-mill was destroyed, besides much other damage. The flood began at six o'clock in the evening, it was at the height a little after seven, by ten i had subsided; but the agitation and fear were such that some of the people never went to bed that night. The ensuing morning exhibited an affecting scene of desolation; mud, stones, timber, fragments of furniture, pieces of work-tools, and trees torn up by the roots, were spread over the fields. Thousands have since been to visit the

FLOOD AT SETTLE.

This neighbourhood has been for some time past

FLOOD AT KEIGHLEY. For some time past the weather in this locality

As far as we can ascertain, the pent-up waters burst their | cipally recovered from the stream, were laid. Amongst | has been very open, with scarcely a day's intermission situated below the junction of the North and Laycock waters were obliged to stand nearly the whole day. A great quantity of roots, branches, and other wreck passed down amount of damage was done. FLOOD AT TADCASTER.

On Thursday, the river Wharf inundated its

banks, so that the High-street was nearly covered with water, and the inhabitants were obliged to occupy their upper rooms.

GREAT FLOOD AT TODMORDEN.

In this locality during the early part of the week we had heavy falls of rain, especially on Tuesday evening, when many of the inhabitants residing in those parts which are at such times subjected to be inundated, became alarmed. About half-past eight o'clock a tremen-END OF UPPER BRIDGE.—Here were two houses, with a | done shower of rain and hail took place, accompanied with gable end to the bridge,—that nearest the river Holme being a little thunder and lightning. The river Calder became occupied by Enor Bailey, his mother, wife, and two children. much swollen, which continued with little apparent altera-The walls or battlements of the bridge were swept off, and | tion till between twelve and two o'clock on Wednesday Bailey's house entirely washed down, and the inmates and afternoon, when the body of water was so great, that it furniture thrown into the river. Bailey himself, and his overflowed the banks of the water course at Shade, running mother, managed to get out again, but the latter has since down the turnpike road, and forced its way into the cellars died. Bailey only is left to tell the tale of sorrow, his wife and dwelling houses, and the residents had to remove what and children having all perished. The interior of the furniture they could, and seek safety elsewhere. The scene adjoining house, occupied by a shoemaker, named John now presented was one of great confusion and bustle, Hepworth, was completely exposed, and nearly all his especially in Salford, from which pigs and other animals furniture swept away. The bedsteads, on Thursday, were had to be removed for safety, the water extending from standing partly in the house and partly out, one end pro- Shade to Salford. Messrs. Fielden's hands had to enter jecting over the floor, which had been partially removed. A | the factory by means of planks, which were floating like barn, stable, and coach-house, belonging to Miss Kippax, was | boats on its muddy surface. At Toad Carr, in Burnley levelled. The shopsof Messrs. Woodhead was completely road, the body of water was so great, that a portion of the gutted. The shop of Mr.M'Laren, bookseller, was also much | walls of the water course was prostrated, the stream gushing damaged, the windows and doors of the shop having all into the houses with great violence, as was also the case in disappeared, and his stock and furniture being injured | Cobden, several of the houses being two feet deep in water. or destroyed. All the other shops in this locality (Hollow- This portion of the town has not been flooded for some time gate) suffered in the same way, including those of Abm. pastowing to regulations having been made for such emergen-Haley, a green-grocer, and Mrs. Briggs, who, with her cies, but the body of water being so large and sudden, the family, was rescued by being taken out at the top of sewers were made up immediately. The water did not subthe house roof. On the opposite side of Hollowgate, next side for several hours. The canal also overflowed in the river, all the houses and shops and the toll-bar house different places, covering the fields in the vicinity to a conwere swept down; and, in the middle of the street was siderable extent. At the time of writing, our correspon-

> FLOOD AT ROCHDALE. On Wednesday it rained incessantly the whole of 100 10 Leeds and Yorkshire In.

the day, and the river Roche began to overflow its banks by 100 100 Leeds & Liverpool Canal 440 - 450 noon. The fields at Oakenrod bridge were many of them 100 15 Leeds Banking Co...... 21 -213 | 21 -213 the others, the walls having been taken completely down. flood was at the highest, some parts of Packer-street were laid completely under water. At five o'clock, when the 12 or 14 inches deep with water. The river Roche is said The water at the bridge was six inches higher than it has ever been since it was built. On the Wednesday night, the wind was extremely high, from seven to nine o'clock, when ceiling with water, and the goods in them considerably it blew a complete hurricane. During the whole of the

thing like so heavy as it was the previous day. FLOODS AT MANCHESTER.

He had to wade up to the middle in water before he could down. The stock, worth £200, is entirely destroyed. Ad- evening, the rivers which flow through the neighbourhood land on terra firma. Mrs. Furniss says she say, the bursting of the bank, and describes it as the rising of an immense sheet of mist, accompanied by a sound like reverberating of the bank, and like reverberating of the bank, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank and nearer the river than the front, there is a dwelling-thank, and in many places covered the surrounding country, and like reverberating of the bank and nearer the river than the front, there is a dwelling-thank and in many places covered the surrounding country. thunder. The miller employed at this factory had been tor, and a little boy, were sleeping. When the water burst ness, on the north-west side of Manchester, the river Irwell a confined to bed for seven weeks, and he with his family into the house, the man took up the boy, and attempted to overflowed its banks, and submerged a great portion of G pass up the staircase, but, unhappily, just as he passed the Peel-park. A great part of Lower Broughton was also laid threshhold himself, the door closed by the force of the under water, in some places to a depth of nine feet. At water and separated them, leaving the boy in the lower four o'clock on Wednesday, the flood completely cut off all | L room, to drown, as was expected. The boy, however, was the approaches to the rows of houses at Mount View, beborne up by the force of the water, and catching hold of the tween Broughton-lane and the Irwell, and many of the top of the joists, he held by them until the water subsided. occupiers left them in boats, being apprehensive that the He was about an hour in this position, with the water nearly | houses, which were rather slightly built, would be washed away during the night. The water subsided, however, about | n

VICTORIA-STREET.—The shop of Mr. Woodcock, draper | eight o'clock, without doing much damage. The Medlock, which flows through the south of Manchester, also overflowed near Oxford-street, inundating the basement stories of several houses. Some of the mills had to be

Considerable damage was done by the flood in the neighbourhood of Stockport, where a reservoir, belonging to Mr. John Brooks, at the Hope-hill cotton mill, overflowed its £1,000 damage.

FLOODS IN CUMBERLAND. CARLISLE, Feb. 3. In consequence of the heavy fall of rain on Mon-

stock of Mr. Richard Harrison, grocer. The lower part of the Petterill, and the Eden, into which the two former the house of Mr. Charlesworth, the Magistrate, was filled streams run, burst their boundaries in all directions, sweeping hedges and fences of all descriptions before their overpowering torrent. Hill-born streams are well known, and the wary Cumbrians have in general avoided building their habitations within the dangerous vicinity of the at the shop door. The damage is estimated at from £200 banks; but so great was the flood that even the lower por- c tions of houses were filled with water, and even public I thoroughfares in comparatively high situations are submerged to the depth of many feet. The scene in the immediate vicinity of Carlisle is at this moment peculiarly 1 striking. Nothing but water for miles, as far as the eye can reach, with here and there a portion of a tree projecting from the surface, as if to mark the extent of the deluge. Precautions in the shape of double banks and family, are supposed to have lost their lives. The house of high barriers have long since been constructed to keep the rivers within bounds during the rainy season, but these c were of no avail. The waters extended to the Castle walls on one side, and to the foot of the Scaur on the other. The arches of the magnificent Eden-bridge could scarcely be | 8 seen, and the portion of the Caledonian Railway which runs | g torn up, and coffins were floated away from their resting on a high embankment to the north seemed to be in imminent danger of destruction. On the other side of Edenbridge the desolation seems to be even more complete and | s melancholy grand. A strong wind blowing from the northwest, with a degree of violence not often experienced here, ruffles the surface of the wide expanse of waters, and adds | " greatly to the tempestuous character of the scene. The f A small mill, called Charlesworth's mill, was swept down only dry spots to be discovered for miles around are the and several houses filled with water, but no lives were lost | handsome and extensive mansion of the High Sheriff of | a the county (Mr. Head), the Grand Stand, and the Water- o works. The flood has been very high for several hours, but there seems to be no indication of its subsiding. On 5 the contrary, we expect to see it greatly increased on A Wednesday morning, as there have been intermittent t heavy showers of rain and hail all day long. In con-THONGS BRIDGE.—The end of Mr. Geo. Robinson's fulling | nection with this inundation we are sorry to add the in mill was taken down; the boiler-house and the counting- particulars of a very melancholy and fatal accident which a house were also completely levelled, but a cottage house, occurred at Longtown, about ten miles from this city. river Holme, which is crossed at different points by four | inmates were drowned. Their names are James Booth and | nearer the water, weathered the storm. The occupant of | It appears that Sir James Graham and family proceeded | 51 stone bridges, called the Bridge, Thong's Bridge, Victoria his wife, and a lodger, named Wm. Healey. In the same | the cottage, while surrounded with water, gave himself up | from Netherby yesterday morning, in a couple of travelling | L Bridge, and Upper Bridge. From Holmfirth runs the block of buildings, the wife of Joseph Brook, clothier for lost, especially when he saw the raging element tear up chaises and pairs, to the Citadel Station, to catch the D valley of the Holme for a distance of several miles, winding (who was endeavouring to save herself and child), was the boiler and toss it about as if it were only a feather. The express day train for London. The chaises and horses [ amongst almost Alpine scenery, and forming deep drowned with her infant in her arms. The child also man and his cottage both escaped. On the opposite side of were hired from Mrs. Tinning, of the Graham's Arms. In ravines, with scarcely an outlet for three or four miles, perished. The following is a list of the occupants of the mill of Messrs. Wimpenny and Woodhead. Longtown, as were likewise the postillions. After safely re

> escaped by swimming to the shore. Both carriages and | re: horses were lost.

though nothing to what it was a few hours afterwards. b

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succeeded, but soon the rushing torrent swept him into the

a deeper part of the river, where he perished, with all four ha

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