

**GIRL DROWNED IN A CISTERN AT BRADLEY, HODDERSFIELD.**—On Wednesday last, an inquest was held at the White Cross Inn, Bradley, before J. R. Ingram, Esq., deputy coroner, on view of the body of Sarah Maria Dutton, aged three years and six months, who, on Monday evening last, was found drowned in a cistern of water adjoining an exhausted coal-pit, named Bradley Quarry Pit, belonging to Mr. Chas. Wheatley, of Hopton; the engine plant of which appears to be used to pump the water from the old workings for the benefit of neighbouring pits. Near the house in which the deceased's father lives are several sources of danger, the quarry, the pit, the railway, an adjacent reservoir, and the river; yet the deceased stumbled head foremost into a cistern about one foot three inches wide, one foot nine inches long, and containing about 15 inches of water, which was situated almost in front of the house, and from which last summer she was rescued from death by drowning, but still nothing seems to have been done to prevent similar accidents. The jury found that the child was accidentally drowned in a cistern; recommended that the cistern be made safer; and called attention to the danger apparent from the want of protection against accidents from the adjoining reservoir and railway,