

DISTRESSING DEATH AT MIRFIELD.—On Thursday evening, an inquest was held at the Black Bull Inn, Mirfield, touching the death of Amos Anthony Thornton, aged fourteen, son of Anthony Thornton, locomotive engineer, under the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company. It appears deceased, together with Alfred Harrison, aged twelve, and another boy named Wilkinson, went to amuse themselves in a large sandbed on Wednesday afternoon. This sandbed adjoins the engine-shed. The three boys commenced to form a cave in the side of the sandbed, and after working at it about an hour and a half they had made a hole about four feet six inches. At about four o'clock the boy Wilkinson went away. In a few minutes the heap of sand overhead fell in, burying Thornton entirely, and enclosing Harrison up to the legs. The latter struggled hard to free himself, and at last he succeeded, but his shoes were left. He gave the alarm to some servants of the railway company, who came with spades and succeeded in finding the body of Thornton in about twenty minutes. He was quite dead. There was about a ton of sand and soil upon him. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned. The father of the deceased was absent on a pleasure excursion when the sad accident occurred.