

**MELANCHOLY DEATH OF A DEWSBURY GENTLEMAN.**—On Tuesday morning the body of Mr. Josh. Oldroyd Gill, a gentleman in extensive practice at Dewsbury as a land surveyor and mining engineer, was found in the canal at Mirfield, below a bridge leading from the turnpike road to the new railway station. The deceased on Friday night attended a masonic celebration at Mirfield (the consecration of a new lodge), and he left for the railway station in time for the last train, but he was not afterwards seen alive, and it was evident from the position in which the body was found that in passing along the line he had fallen down a steep decline, which is close to the bridge and quite unprotected, and pitched head foremost into the canal, sticking quite fast in the mud, without the power of extrication. He had with him a tin case containing his masonic jewels and other emblems, and it was found close to where the body was discovered in about seven feet of water. The body was removed to the Bull Hotel, Mirfield, and on Tuesday an inquest was held. In consequence of there being a doubt about the ownership of the bridge, the jury resolved upon an adjournment for a fortnight, and that the Board of Trade should be asked to send an inspector down to view the scene of the accident and hold an inquiry. The spot where the accident occurred may be fairly described as a man-trap. The footpath from Mirfield-road leads direct to it, and as there is no lamp at the spot it is almost a matter of certainty that unless fenced off other lives will be lost, as that road has just been made the approach to Mirfield Station from the village. The deceased held the rank of a lieutenant in the Dewsbury Volunteer Rifle Corps, he was one of the foremost in all good works, and was universally esteemed.