

SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR DEWSBURY.

Yesterday morning, shortly before nine o'clock, an alarming railway accident took place at the junction of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway with the London and North-Western, situated between Dewsbury and Mirfield, but luckily no loss of life occurred. The morning was gloomy and foggy, and a platelayer was therefore sent from Dewsbury to assist the signalman in his duties. Unfortunately these men appear not to have come to a proper understanding, for the express train from Leeds was permitted to go forward to the junction at a time when a goods train was going over the points from Normanton. The collision caused three trucks and a guard's van to be overturned, and the driver of the goods train was thrown beneath one of the trucks and very seriously injured. He was removed as quickly as possible and sent to the Infirmary at Huddersfield, where his injuries—a severe scalp wound and contusions on the legs—were promptly attended to. In the meantime a large body of men were obtained from the Dewsbury, Mirfield, and Wakefield stations, and by half-past ten they succeeded in opening the up line, and in half an hour afterwards in removing all obstacles to the resumption of traffic on the other line. Yesterday afternoon, the injured driver—Joshua Secker, of Leeds—was reported to be doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.