

DEWSBURY.

Our correspondent writing on Saturday evening says:— Another great flood has visited this district, and many thousands of acres are now under water. Rain fell heavily during the night, especially in the neighbourhood of Huddersfield, Halifax, and Marsden, and the river channel was early filled. This morning the fields below Mirfield and Dewsbury were submerged, and large quantities of mill property and farm produce washed down the Calder. The rain ceased about ten o'clock, but the fall had been so great in the upper parts of the Calder valley that the river rose rapidly, putting out the furnace fires of mills in Ravensthorpe, Savile-town, and in that portion of Dewsbury abutting on the river side. Heavy gusts of wind from the west also assisted to bring down the water from upstream, and so aided its destructive force. The bodies of cows, pigs, and horses have been seen floating down the river. A horse, believed to have been washed out of a meadow at Mirfield, where it was grazing, was taken out of the water alive, and having been placed in a stable, and well rubbed down, soon recovered the effects of its immersion and long swim. Early in the forenoon the cellars of houses in Church-street, shops in Westgate and the Market-place, and premises in Batley-carr, along the beck side, were flooded. Immense volumes of water poured down the beck from Batley, and the stream rose hour by hour, causing great destruction of property and much inconvenience. The water rose over its bank at New Wakefield, and flowed over the road and into the Market-place, a large portion of which it flooded. Messrs. Brady and Ridgway—who had suffered so heavily from the great flood of November, 1866—removed the goods from the lower shelves of their shop and the shop windows and put up their shutters. Mr. Spiking and Mr. Grandidge followed suit, and large crowds of people assembled, anxiously watching the rising waters. Before half-past twelve, however, it was seen that the flood was receding from the Market-place.

The cellars of the establishments belonging to Mr. Bulmer, Mr. Brook, and the shop adjoining (Adwalton House) were flooded. Into the latter a very large stream poured, apparently from the adjacent sewer. A large amount of property must in this manner have been destroyed or damaged.

It is stated that the arching over the beck at its mouth and higher up has prevented the flood waters flowing freely into the river, and caused them to back-up into the Market-place. This, of course, will be made the subject of inquiry.

The flood in the river began to subside in the evening, and at night it was sensibly lower. The wind, too, lessened in force, and there was every reason to expect that the violence of the storm had passed.

The body of a man unknown was found on Saturday afternoon floating in the river Calder, near Clifford Bridge, Thornhill. It was taken to the White Hart Inn, and on being examined was found to be in an advanced state of decomposition. The deceased, who bore the appearance of a labouring man, was dressed in a black coat and waistcoat, and fustian trousers. He was apparently about fifty-five years of age, of low stature and slender make. It is expected that an inquest on the remains of the deceased will be held to-day. Our correspondent writing last evening says:— The waters have almost subsided, and the damage done to land and premises is seen to be very great. Large numbers of people have come to Dewsbury to view the wreck caused by the flood and the hurricane.