

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR DEWSBURY.

An accident, attended with fatal consequences, occurred last evening, on the railway between Mirfield and Dewsbury, about half a mile east of the station at the former place. It occurred about a quarter to five o'clock, and happened in this way. A goods train, from Stockport to Leeds, was passing through Mirfield Railway Station, and, in consequence of two passenger trains being nearly due, was directed on to a loop line. The driver was David Walker, of Leeds, a married man, and the stoker, a single man, named Goodman, was a native of Peterborough. When in the loop their train ought to have stopped, for the main-line signal was against it, but it went forward, and "fouling" the main line at the "trap points," ran on to the permanent way and down the embankment. The engine went down, followed by the tender and two waggons. The driver and stoker stuck to their posts, and were frightfully injured, the right arm of the latter being cut off near the shoulder, and the other shockingly scalded. Both received other dreadful injuries. They were taken to Huddersfield by special train and placed in the Infirmary. Walker died there last night, and very faint hopes were entertained at the time our parcel was despatched of the recovery of the stoker Goodman. An eye-witness informed our correspondent that the engine in descending the embankment made one somersault. The guard of the goods train escaped without injury. Traffic on the main line was interrupted for about half an hour through some waggons from the goods train having got in the way; but they were taken into sidings as quickly as possible. Both men lived in Leeds—Walker in Wellington-street. He had been in the service of the London and North-Western Railway Company for upwards of 15 years, and was accounted a very steady man. It is believed he forgot he was in the loop when passing Mirfield, and regarded only the main-line signal, a fatal mistake.