

SAD DEATH AT MIRFIELD.—An inquest was held yesterday, at the Yew Tree Inn, Mirfield, touching the death of Henry Hopkinson, labourer, of that place. Deceased was employed by Mr. Heslop, landlord of the above inn, as a servant, and on Monday he was seated in the taproom when a man named Peter Wright offered to treat him with several gills of rum and a gill of whiskey. Deceased indulged in spirits until he became incapable, and the landlord afterwards took him into his stable and laid him on some straw besides an old man who had also been taken there about an hour previous in a state of intoxication. Hopkinson was found dead next morning, and a post-mortem examination took place. The evidence of Dr. Arthur, Mirfield, showed that the stomach of the deceased was very much inflamed and of a reddish colour, containing from eleven to twelve ounces of fluid food, partially digested, smelling strongly of alcohol. The lungs were slightly congested and mottled over from rupture of the minute vessels. There were no external marks of violence, and the brain and membranes were healthy. In his opinion the cause of death was suffocation; aided by intemperate habits, as shown by the enlargement of the liver. A verdict to that effect was returned.