

MIRFIELD.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—As two women named Ruth Heaton and Sarah Ashton, were returning to Mirfield by a footpath leading from Hartishead, between six and seven o'clock on Monday evening, an accident of a most melancholy character happened to the former. Her companion suddenly lost sight of her, and thinking she was before, hurried on to Mirfield. Some hours afterwards the unfortunate woman was discovered, having fallen into an old pit left in a very unprotected state near the footpath. She was with great difficulty extricated from her dreadful position, having been some hours in a state of insensibility, with a stream of water falling upon her continually. On being removed to a neighbouring farm, she was found dreadfully bruised. The skull injured and the scalp torn and lacerated in many places. A messenger was dispatched for Dr. Whalley, of Mirfield, and had it not been for the prompt attention and energetic treatment of that gentleman, she would have died very soon from compression of the brain. However, contrary to expectation, she is doing exceedingly well.