

PAINFUL DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD AT MIRFIELD.—A painful circumstance is reported from Mirfield—one similar to those lately read of in the Australian newspapers—the death of a child by exposure and starvation after rambling away from home. The deceased in this case was Emily Mellor, aged three years, the daughter of a railway signalman residing in Kem-lane, Mirfield. It appears that on Christmas-day morning Mrs. Mellor dressed the child in her best clothes and let her go out to play, along with a little boy belonging to a neighbour. They rambled away together, and at two o'clock the boy was found near the Plough Inn, but the other child was nowhere to be seen. Search was made for her by the parents without success, and as night was closing in the whole neighbourhood gave their assistance, and all the lanes and paths were looked over with lamps and lanterns. No success was met with, and the parents returned home heartbroken; but the following day and the day after they and others renewed the search, which, like the first, was fruitless. On Saturday, however, the body of the poor little creature was found in a remote place on the Asylum Farm, at a considerable distance from the house of her parents, and close to the boundary of the borough of Dewsbury. She seems to have wandered away, and to have fallen down through her feet becoming fast in puddle, and to have died from exposure to the cold and hunger. The affair has caused a very painful sensation in Mirfield, where the parents of the little innocent were well known.