

FATAL ACCIDENT AT A COLLIERY NEAR DEWSBURY.—On Saturday evening Major Taylor, district coroner, held an inquest at the Ravenswharf Inn, near Dewsbury, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of Joseph Netherwood, colliery labourer, of Mirfield, who was killed on the previous day by falling down a shaft at Ravens Lodge Colliery, belonging to Messrs. G. and J. Haigh. Mr. Gerrard, Inspector of Mines, was present at the inquest. The evidence showed that deceased had descended the shaft, which is only used for pumping water out of the workings, and after assisting to change some buckets, he was being drawn up the shaft in a cage, when, by some means or other, after having ascended about 40 yards, he fell out, alighting at the bottom of the shaft, and was instantly killed. It was thought he had overbalanced himself. The jury returned a verdict of “Accidental death.”