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Fatal Accident.

On Wednesday last, an accident occurred in the Hollingwood Pit, by which two of the colliers employed therein were most seriously injured, by the fall of a heavy stone from the roof. One of the parties, named Sampson, has since died of his injuries, leaving an orphaned family to deplore its loss. The poor fellow lost his wife only a few weeks back.

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Inquests before Mr. Busby.

On Monday, the 3rd. inst., at Hasland, on the body of James Baggaly, who was killed at an ironstone pit, at Hady. There were two old shafts within 21 feet of each other being widened and re-sunk - one called the Engine Shaft and the other the Bye Shaft. The Engine Shaft was sunk to the depth of 45 yards, the Bye Shaft to the depth of about 15 yards. Both shafts had been filled up with loose soil previous to the new working. There were two headings communicating with the two shafts, where the coal had formerly been worked - one heading had been passed and cleaned out; the other was the scene of the present accident. The deceased was working at the bottom of the Engine Shaft, two other men were cleaning out the second heading, when the presence of about 30 yards of loose soil in the Bye Pit, and perhaps water from the former coal workings, forced the soil from the Bye Pit and heading up the Engine Shaft and nearly buried the deceased. His two companions had a very narrow escapes; one was completely buried for some minutes, but he managed to escape, and clung to the pumps, and was ultimately drawn up. When the tub came down for the deceased, he caught hold of it and tried to raise himself into it; but the weight of earth was too great, he let go, and was soon covered by the rising soil. It was eight days before the body was extricated. The Jury were of opinion that the Engine and Bye Shafts should have been sunk from time to time to the same depth; and if they had been the present accident could not have occurred. They thought also that the superintendent should have cautioned the contractors and workmen about the dangers they were likely to encounter.

The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death", and by their request, the coroner, addressing Mr. Sayer, the manager of the works, told him that human life ought to have been the first consideration and if proper attention had been paid to the works, by sinking both pits an equal distance day by day, the accident could not have happened. If a Government Inspector had been sent, and the new Act for the Prevention of Accidents had applied to this pit as well as to coal pits, the case would have been serious, and the relatives of the deceased might have claimed compensation.

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Marriages and Deaths.

Died - At Chesterfield, on the 29th. ult., Ellen, wife of Mr. Abraham Walters, Inspector of Coal Mines, aged 42 years.

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Craven Moor Mines.

The Blackhill Level has been driven about 60 feet since the last meeting. The vein is rather wider, but yields about the same quantity of ore as before.

The Engine Shaft has been sunk about four fathoms, and the vein is improved here. All the appearances at the mine are favourable.

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The coal trade is very dull at the present moment, a fall of from 5-0d. to 6-0d. a ton having taken place in the London market, within the last week or nine days. If the present depression in the trade continues, it is very probable that a fall in collier's wages will have to be submitted to in this district, many of the collieries being very slack of orders at the present time.

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Inquest.

On Tuesday, at Staveley, on the body of John Sampson, who was killed by the fall of a roof in a coal-pit. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

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Marriages and Deaths.

At Brookhill Hall, in the County of Nottingham, on the 11th. inst., D'Ewes Coke, Esq., aged 82 years. Formerly of the Midland Circuit, and subsequently for many years the much respected agent of His Grace the Duke of Rutland.

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Advert - Victoria Lead Mine.

A few preference shares of £1 each, in the Midland Lead Mine, Ashover, to be disposed of at par, bearing a preference of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent over and above all previous shares.

Applications to be made to the Secretary, Mr. James Bunting, Chesterfield, on or before the 8th. of April next.

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Embezzlement.

A serious case of this kind was on Thursday last brought to light against one the Wingerworth Iron Company's clerks, of the name of Burns, who has been in their service a considerable time. It appears that Burns was in the habit of receiving money from the Chesterfield Board of Highways, for cinders brought by them from the Company, having the authority to do so, and instead of handing over the money to his employers, he appropriated a large portion to his own use. His defalcations have been found to extend as far back as 1851, and probably much further, and amount from that year to 1855, to clear £70. It is not a little remarkable that Burns was not allowed to receive, or, at least did not receive, money from any other except the Chesterfield Board of Highways, all other accounts being paid to the head clerk. There is not much doubt that the whole of the cinders paid for by the Board, were received by them, as it is found from an examination of the accounts, that in the year 1852, being the year in which Burns embezzled the largest sum of money, nearly the whole of the cinders were weighed in the Highway stone yard. It is also pretty clearly found, by measurement of stone and broken by contract in recent years, that no fraud was committed by Burns upon the Board of Highways, but solely upon his employers.

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On Monday, the 17th. inst., at Riddings, near Alfreton, on the body of John Daws, son of Ann Daws, of Riddings, single woman, who died on Saturday the 15th. inst., aged 2 years. Deceased was playing out of doors near to a tank of hot water, which was sunk in the ground, and was connected with an engine, when he accidentally fell in and was scalded. Verdict, "Accidental Death".

On Wednesday, the 19th. inst., at Coal Aston, near Dronfield, on the body of William Hutchinson, farmer, aged 47 years, who died on the previous Monday. Deceased was engaged loading a cart with cokes when he fell down and died. Verdict, "Sudden death from disease of the heart".

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John Selby, aged 44, labourer, charged with stealing, on the 17th., of January, a stone bottle and a hammer, the property of Francis Rokeby Appleby and Company, Chesterfield. From the evidence of John Straw, agent to the Tapton works, the property of Messrs. Appleby and Company, it appeared that he left the shop safe at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 16th.; next morning the shop was found broken open and a number of articles taken away, including a bottle containing half a pint of oil. This bottle was afterwards shown to him by Galley, a constable. Ephraim Sills, inspector of police, Sheffield, apprehended prisoner as he was entering that town about 6 o'clock on the morning of the 17th. of January, and found upon him a bottle containing half a pint of oil, which he gave up to Superintendent Radford and George Galley of the Chesterfield police. (This case has some resemblance to the last, neither of the witnesses just mentioned being in attendance) - the learned Judge told the Jury that under these circumstances the principle of finding stolen property was pushed a good deal too far; and the prisoner was consequently acquitted.

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Advert - Coals.

John Gothard begs to inform the inhabitants of Chesterfield and its vicinity, that he has removed from Brampton, to the Peacock Inn, Chesterfield, where he will be glad to receive the patronage of his friends.

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Coal Pit Accident.

A severe accident befell a collier named Syddall, employed at the Whittington Colliery, on Thursday night. Whilst engaged in one of the stalls of the pit, a lump of coal of nearly a ton weight, suddenly fell from the roof, by which he was severely crushed and injured, and for a time it was feared that the case would prove fatal. He is now in a more favourable condition, and some hopes are entertained of his recovery.

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Accident.

On Monday morning last, a serious accident happened to a miner, named Whitworth, employed at the Hasland Colliery, belonging to the Messrs. Knowles and Company. Whilst engaged underground a quantity of material fell upon him, whereby he sustained a compound fracture of the right thigh. The case is progressing favourably under surgical treatment.

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The workmen of the Right Hon. Earl FitzWilliam, at Elsecar, to the number of 500, regaled themselves with a collier's social tea on the 26th. Music and other entertainments passed off the evening.

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Inquests before Mr. Busby.

On Wednesday last, at Clay Cross, on the body of Joseph Haywood, labourer, aged 34 years. On the 11th. inst., deceased was working in a gateway of a coal-pit at Woodthorpe, when the roof fell upon him and killed him. It appeared that deceased had not sufficiently propped the roof of the gateway, otherwise the accident would not have occurred. Verdict, "Accidental Death".

On the same day, at Tibshelf, on the body of Edward Watson, labourer, aged 20 years. On Wednesday the 19th. inst., deceased was working in a coal-pit at Tibshelf, when a stone about a ton weight fell upon him from the roof of the pit and killed him. Verdict - "Accidental Death".