

THE SUICIDE IN A RAILWAY CARRIAGE.—Yesterday, Mr. J. Molesworth, coroner, held an inquiry at Castleton respecting the death of Joseph Shaw Gent, aged 39, of Higher Broughton (of the firm of Kendall and Gent, Victoria Works, Salford), who committed suicide in a railway carriage between Rochdale and Castleton on Monday afternoon. Stephen Broom, cashier to the deceased, said he had been missing since Friday last week. It had been his habit to absent himself, and witness a fortnight ago had to go to Liverpool to search for him. Occasionally deceased had been of intemperate habits. James Wall, railway pointsman, proved finding the deceased in a third-class compartment with his throat cut. He breathed only two or three times, and then died. He had no ticket for Rochdale. William Wilkinson, surgeon, of Strangeways, stated that he knew the deceased to have a suicidal tendency. The jury returned a verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind."