

SUICIDE IN A RAILWAY CARRIAGE.—On Monday afternoon a case of suicide occurred in a railway carriage between Rochdale and Castleton. It appears that a Manchester gentleman, about forty-five years of age, and holding a contract ticket of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, had been to Rochdale on business. He left Rochdale apparently on the return journey about three o'clock, riding in a compartment alone. Between Rochdale and Castleton he cut his throat with a razor in a most determined manner. The discovery was made by the railway servants at Castleton station. The deceased was removed into the station, and Dr. Worsley, of Heywood, who happened to be present at the time, he having arrived by a train from Heywood, examined his injuries. He found that Mr. Gent had first forced the edge of the razor upwards from below his chin, cutting his tongue, and then cut into his throat, inflicting a ghastly wound. He died in a few moments after being discovered. His name, as indicated by the contract ticket found upon him, is Joseph Shaw Gent, of the firm of Kendal and Gent, machinists, Salford, his home being at Prestwich. At the inquest on Wednesday, Mr. S. Brown, cashier to Messrs. Kendal and Gent, gave evidence to the effect that deceased showed symptoms of aberration of mind last week, and that he left the works about eleven o'clock on Friday, since which time he had not been seen by witness alive. Dr. Parkinson, of Manchester, said he had an impression some time ago that deceased was not right, and as mental aberration seemed to be hereditary in his family, a member of which had committed suicide, he had feared the deceased would do the same thing. Mr. S. Ashworth, builder, Rochdale, gave evidence that he saw deceased get into the train at Rochdale station. The verdict returned was that the deceased committed suicide while of unsound mind.