

LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY

Railway accident. A man killed on line near Wolverton Station

Railway accident. – An inquest was taken on the 20th inst. Before J W Cowley, Esq. one of her Majesty's coroners for the county of bucks, on view of the body of Francis Wilson, who was found, about five o'clock on the morning of the 19th instant, on the London and Birmingham Railway, near to the Wolverton Station. He was alive but insensible. From the evidence adduced it appeared deceased had been drinking freely the previous night at a public house, and left to go home between ten and eleven, when, it is supposed he attempted to cross the railway (being the nearest way to his lodgings), and in doing so was knocked down by the engine of the eleven o'clock down mail. His skull was most extensively fractured and a portion of the brain had escaped, and he died a few hours afterwards. Verdict accordingly. The coroner severely reprimanded the policemen on duty, as it was evident they had not been so attentive to their duty as they ought to have been, or the poor man would have been prevented from going on the railroad, or at least have been discovered sooner.