

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—On Sunday the 10th instant Mr. Coroner Swann held an inquest at the Black Bull Inn, King-street, touching the death of Martha Warnsby, aged 17 years, who had died at six o'clock the previous morning. It appears from the evidence given before the jury that the unfortunate young woman had been engaged to a young man named Daniel Dove, a framework-knitter, residing in this town, but that recently they had not agreed very well, in consequence of some jealousies arising between them, and that the young woman had become very much depressed in spirits in consequence. She spent most of Thursday afternoon in tears at a friend's house, and became ill on Thursday night. On Friday she passed Dove in the street without either of them speaking, when it appears she went to two different druggist's shops in the town, and procured a penny-worth of laudanum at each shop, and took the whole of it, and then went home to her mother's house in Kirkby-lane, where she arrived very ill, and was at once put to bed with all her clothes on, at about one o'clock at noon; and as she continued to grow worse Mr. H. Lomax, surgeon, was sent for, and on his arrival he found her quite insensible and much discoloured in the face. From her general appearance he thought she had had an apoplectic fit, and considered nothing could be done for her until she might somewhat recover herself, consequently the unfortunate young woman was allowed to lie several hours without being disturbed, when at last her mother determined to undress her, thinking she would rest easier. On removing part of her clothes two bottles were found on her person, one labelled "Laudanum, poison," and the other smelt very strong of laudanum also, when for the first time the thought struck those in attendance upon her that she had taken poison. Dr. Lomax was again sent for, and promptly attended (about six o'clock in the evening), when he was shown the two bottles that contained the laudanum. He gave it as his opinion that she had taken a very strong dose of poison, but that nothing could then be done for the unfortunate girl, as the poison had been taken so many hours it had passed from the stomach into the system, and that medical aid could be of no avail. The jury, after hearing the above and other evidence relating to the girl's state of mind, found the following verdict, "That Martha Warnsby died from the effects of taking a large quantity of laudanum, being at that time in an unsound state of mind." The jury expressed their deep regret that no attempt was made to save the unfortunate girl's life.