

Awful Casualty.

It has never before been our duty to publish the account of so awful an accident, as that, the details of which have just been related to us; the facts as we can learn them from the neighbors are these: During the last week, Mr. John Pettigrew, a decent and industrious citizen of our county, left his house in company with his oldest daughter upon a visit to some of his friends at a distance, his wife and ~~five~~ other children remaining at home. On Sunday he returned and found his house burnt to the ground, and upon looking around he discovered all of that family which he had left in fancied security lying dead together at a short distance from the ruins of his house. They were all badly burned, but it is supposed that they must have frozen to death after they fled from the house, as the burns were not supposed to have been severe enough to have caused death. What a reception for this poor laboring man! Instead of finding, as he expected, that family, the comfort of his life, nestled together around the family fireside, he finds them a heap of blackened and stiffened corpses. It is heart-sickening in the extreme, and we hope that it may be long before we shall be called upon to record such another casualty.

P. S. Since the above was in type we have learned that these unfortunate persons were very slightly burned, and that the whole of them were found within fifteen or twenty feet of the ruins of the house.