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MR. MAT. EDDY.

Mr. Matthew Eddy, another passenger in the Ballarat train, said:—

"When I crawled out of the carriage after being thrown down by the shock no one seemed to know what had happened. I went along to give a hand and lifting a beam to release a man beneath found it was wet with blood. The unfortunate people were dreadfully battered. There were some dead, others moaning with broken legs, others torn about the body and face and bleeding badly. Some died almost as soon as they were lifted. We got them out, gave them a drink of water, and made them as comfortable as possible, but further help was badly wanted. I should say there must be 40 or 50 killed. I know I saw 12 lying together in one place, and the fire that took place in the carriages suffocated a lot. There was no much blaze, but the smoke and gas killed some, I am certain. There was some plucky ones among the injured. One man I saw with both legs broken, and they were wrapping him up, when he said, "Don't mind me; go and attend to somebody else who wants it worse." Another man I gave a drink to had one eye hanging out on his face, and he was not making a fuss. A young girl I picked out had her legs broken, and was crying for her mother, but stood the pain well."

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