

DARING ROBBERY AT MIRFIELD.—Early yesterday morning week, the premises of the master of the Mirfield Free Grammar School, were broken into, and the sum of £49 19s. was taken from his bed-room. It appears that Thursday was the day on which Mr. Syms received the rents of a number of cottage-houses, being his half-year's salary, and on retiring at night he felt great fear lest some one should break in, and did not go to sleep until two o'clock in the morning, keeping a candle burning until that time. Shortly after going to sleep, he was seized with cramp, and jumped out of bed, making a great noise. It is supposed the thieves were at this time in the room below, and immediately decamped, leaving in that room Mr. Syms' watch, which they had taken off the table; and a pistol, which they found secreted in the fire-grate of his bed-room, they left in the yard. The entrance had been effected by forcing open a window in the school. On the school floor is a hole eight inches square, for the purpose of letting air into the cellar below. It is supposed that a boy was sent down this hole to open the door leading from the school to the house, as well as the outer door. The thieves first plundered the school, taking a box of instruments out of a desk, but that too was left in the yard. The villains had to pass through a room where two youths were sleeping, into the room where Mr. Syms slept, but no one heard the slightest noise. They caught the dog and fastened it up in the cellar; and it is believed that it had had something given it the night before to stupefy, for not a bark was heard. It was about four o'clock when Mr. Syms discovered the robbery. Great sympathy is felt on behalf of Mr. Syms, as the thieves did not leave him a shilling in the house. Amongst the money was a £5 Bank of England note marked $\frac{Y}{N}$, No. 27449, 28 July, 1861.