

## BURGLARY AT A REFORMATORY NEAR DEWSBURY.

—APPREHENSION OF THE PRISONER IN SHEFFIELD.—On Monday, at the Dewsbury Divisional Police-court, before Mr. J. B. Greenwood, Joseph Clay, a returned convict, was brought up charged with committing a burglary at the Calder Vale Reformatory, Mirfield, near Dewsbury. It appears that on Wednesday night last some person broke into the Reformatory and stole a large number of articles therefrom, including several pairs of sheets, two concertinas, ladies' dresses, and other wearing apparel. It appeared from the evidence of Mr. Henry Oxley, who resides at the Reformatory, that the prisoner was formerly an inmate of the institution, but was discharged about two years ago. He (Mr. Oxley) retired to rest about midnight on Wednesday, leaving the house apparently in a safe and secure state. He rose next morning about five o'clock, and on coming down stairs and going to the back part of the house he found the door open and the articles in the place in a disordered state. Several articles had been removed from the premises. He could swear to several articles produced being his property. Information was given to the police, and a reward of £10 was offered for the apprehension of the thief. The prisoner was first of all traced to Wakefield, where he pawned two coats at the shop of Joseph Marsden, in Kirkgate. He appears to have left Wakefield at once by train for Sheffield, to which town he was followed by Detective Inspector Hookady, of Wakefield. On Saturday afternoon he was apprehended at the house of a man named Taylor, in Lambert-street, Sheffield, to whom he had sold the two concertinas for 4s. He was subsequently traced to the Red House beerhouse, in Solly-street, Sheffield, where he had sold the remainder of the stolen property, consisting of several sheets, a woman's dress, an umbrella, and other articles for the sum of 14s. 6d. He told the landlady, Mrs. Parks, that he had bought the articles for 10s. at an auction sale at Dewsbury. When taken into custody he admitted the charge. The prisoner, who appeared entirely unconcerned during the hearing of the case, made no defence, and was committed for trial at the Leeds assizes.