

GALLANT CONDUCT OF A RAILWAY GUARD.—On Saturday a telegram was received at Mirfield Station, one of the busiest junctions on the Lancashire and Yorkshire line, from Cleckheaton, to the effect that 23 trucks, heavily laden with timber, had passed that station from Low Moor without engine or guard-van. A number of waggons had been placed in the siding, and the timber train not being properly spragged, started off, and by the time it reached Cleckheaton was running at a very rapid rate. On receipt of the telegram the line was cleared by a gang of workmen, and the train came dashing towards Mirfield Station at a great speed. A guard, named George Barlow, who happened to be on the platform, jumped upon the runaway train and succeeded in bringing it to a stand by applying the fixed brakes to several waggons. But for Barlow's gallant conduct a terrible collision might have taken place with a passenger train which was momentarily expected.