

SUPPLY OF WATER TO RAVENSTHORPE, IN MIRFIELD.—A public meeting of the ratepayers of Ravensthorpe, convened by the local board, took place at the Albion Hotel, in that village, on Saturday, for the purpose of taking into consideration a scheme for supplying the district with water from the Dewsbury mains under an agreement with the Corporation of that borough. Mr. Stapleton, of Tanhouse, chairman of the board, presided; and he and Mr. Field, one of his colleagues, together with Mr. Rayner, law clerk, made statements explanatory of what was proposed to be done. It appeared that the corporation of Dewsbury had agreed to supply the local board of Ravensthorpe with water for domestic or manufacturing purposes by meter at the rate of 1s. 6d. per thousand gallons, but it was stipulated that if at any time the water in the Dewsbury waterworks was running short, the supply to Ravensthorpe might be cut off. It was explained that an outlay of about £1,200 would be required to pay for plant, and that to meet the cost it would be necessary to have a water rate to extend over—say two years. Details were furnished respecting charges for water per house; and, after some questions had been put and answered, a resolution was passed unanimously approving of the scheme, and authorising the local board to take steps for carrying it out. A vote of thanks to Mr. Stapleton for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.