

## RESIGNATION OF THE VICAR OF MIRFIELD.—

The Rev. Ralph Maude, vicar of Mirfield, has resigned his cure. The rev. gentleman was appointed to the living in 1827, and since that time has hardly ever been out of Mirfield on a Sunday. Latterly his health has been enfeebled, and last Sunday but one he was attacked with a fainting fit when performing Divine service. The Rev. J. C. Williams will do duty until the appointment of a successor. About ten years ago Mr. Maude was in ill-health, and believing that he should not be able to carry on the work of the ministry tendered his resignation to the Bishop, and notified the fact to his parishioners. They did not wish to part with him, and presented him with a memorial signed by 1,100 parishioners (including all the Nonconformist ministers) entreating him to withdraw his resignation. He did so, and continued in harness until a few days ago.