

## RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

### ALARMING COLLISION AT MIRFIELD.

About midnight on Monday a collision took place at Mirfield Junction, on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, between the Bangor mail and a goods train, belonging to Bradford. The heavy fall of snow and sleet had caused a great accumulation of snow on the line, and the Bangor mail, which is timed to leave Normanton at 10.31, reaching Huddersfield at 11.7, was late in consequence at starting. The train was considerably impeded in its progress, and did not arrive at Mirfield till long after its usual time. The signalman, knowing that the express was late, had, as he imagined, put the signal at "danger," but it was afterwards discovered that the signal had not been properly displayed, because the heavy weight of snow prevented the signal from rising, and the proper danger light being shown. The result was that there was nothing to guide the driver of the express, and on it came at a good speed, but not so quick as on ordinary occasions, and it passed through the station as usual without stopping. A Bradford luggage was just crossing the junction when the express took the train in the centre, and a collision of an alarming nature took place. The shock to the passengers, many of whom were emigrants, was severe, but as far as can be learned none of them were seriously injured. Information was conveyed to Huddersfield, and Mr. Winby, of the locomotive department, went during the morning with a number of men to clear the line. The traffic was delayed—most of the trains being late during the day. A Lancashire and Yorkshire train was made up at Mirfield, and the passengers were forwarded to their destination. The mail was delayed, and the telegraphic communication with Leeds and Manchester was somewhat interrupted.