

YORKSHIRE REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

In his eighteenth annual report, just issued, on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Great Britain, Mr. Sydney Turner makes the following remarks on the more important Yorkshire institutions:—

CALDER FARM REFORMATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS, MIRFIELD.

Inspected September 22, 1874. (H.R.)

Number of inmates on day of inspection, boys, 51.

State of premises.—In remarkably good order, well and tidily kept. Garden well cultivated, and land well farmed. Houses clean and comfortable.

Health and General Condition.—General health good. Satisfactory report from the medical officer.

Conduct and Discipline.—A light list of offences and punishments for the past year; two cases of absconding. I was glad to notice an improvement in the manners of the lads. They were not quite so rude and rough as in former years.

Educational State.—The educational standard has fallen off during the last year or two, especially in dictation and arithmetic. A competent master had been recently appointed, and I hope to find the old qualification speedily attained.

Industrial Training.—The farm and the garden provide a large amount of useful work. Tailoring, shoemaking, and carpentering are carried on.

Staff.—Superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Heppel; schoolmaster, Mr. Plummer; assistant bailiff and assistant instructor. Tailor, shoemaker, and carpenter.

Average number maintained, 82. Total cost for 1874, £1,687 14s. 5d.

Comparative cost per head on ordinary maintenance and management, £20 11s. 8d.

Net cost per head, including profit or loss on industrial departments, £20 1s. 5d.

Industrial profits, £266 18s. 10d.

Results of cases discharged in the three years 1871, 1872, and 1873.—Of 78 discharged in 1871-73, there are doing well 57; dead, 1; doubtful, 2; convicted of crime, 14; unknown, 4.