

DEWSBURY.

BRUTAL OUTRAGE ON A FATHER.—Yesterday the West Riding magistrates, sitting at Dewsbury, had before them a series of extraordinary assault cases from Mirfield. John Hirst, a man about 68 years of age, was charged with assaulting Albert Hirst, his son, who is 26 years old, and Albert and George, the latter a young man between 17 and 18, were charged with assaulting their father. The evidence disclosed that on Tuesday morning the old man hit Albert with a hammer; and for that, it may be here mentioned, the Justices fined him 20s. and costs. At night all three met, and the sons commenced to stone their father. He rushed at George, who had a poker in his hand, and who with it struck him a severe blow, and then fell. The father fell also, and Albert seeing he had in his hand the hammer with which he was assaulted in the morning, took it from him, and struck the old man several blows on the arms and body. In the meantime the other son renewed the attack with the poker, and wounded his father on the head, besides inflicting several severe bruises. Some neighbours parted them at last, and took the weapons away. Albert was fined £2 and George £5.