

MUTINY AND ESCAPE OF REFORMATORY BOYS AT MIRFIELD.

Yesterday afternoon a serious mutiny of boys under sentence of detention at Calder Farm Reformatory, Mirfield, took place, and caused no little excitement. The boys attend service at the Parish Church, which is about a mile from the Reformatory, and they always march there and back in military order, and are in charge of the officers of the institution. Yesterday afternoon 42 of them attended service, among them being a youth named Richardson, a tall, strong fellow of 18 years. When returning he behaved in an improper manner, and Mr. Lockwood, the joiner-master, who was in charge, reprimanded him. As this was of no effect he struck Richardson, who at once seized him by the throat, and aided by several other unruly boys, endeavoured to throw him over a wall, and they would have done so had not some of the better-disposed boys interfered to prevent them. Richardson appeared thoroughly enraged, and seizing a piece of dross lying in the road he threw it at Mr. Lockwood, striking him on the head and causing a serious wound, from which much blood flowed. The youth and about twenty others then stampeded, most of them going in the direction of Dewsbury, but it is believed they will—all that escaped capture—make some for Leeds and others for Bradford. In about an hour five returned and gave themselves up. The remainder of the troop after the desertion were marched to the Reformatory. The police are scouring the district for the runaways, all of whom were attired in the uniform of the institution.