

## INDUCTION OF THE VICAR OF MIRFIELD.

On Saturday afternoon a large congregation assembled in Mirfield Parish Church on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. H. Walsham How, son of the Bishop of the diocese). A large number of the clergy of the district attended. A shortened service was held, and a brief address was delivered by the Bishop of Wakefield, after which the usual form of induction was gone through. Subsequently a meeting of parishioners was held in the Boys' Schoolroom, presided over by the Bishop, and a farewell address, in book form, was presented to the Rev. F. R. Grenside, the late Vicar, who has been appointed to the Rectory of Thornhill. The presentation was made by Mr. E. T. Ingham, J.P., supported by Mr. J. H. Wheatley, J.P., and Mr. J. W. Stanchiffe.—The Rev. F. R. Grenside, in acknowledging the gift, spoke of the friendly relations which had existed between himself and his parishioners, and the kindly feeling which had been shown to him, not only by Churchmen, but by Nonconformists. The following is a copy of the address:—“To the Rev. Fredk. Ralph Grenside, M.A., Rector of Thornhill. We, the undersigned parishioners of Mirfield, offer you our hearty congratulations on your preferment to the important Rectory of Thornhill, and at the same time we venture to express our sincere regret that you have ceased to be our Vicar, and that we shall no longer have the benefit of your ministrations amongst us. During your residence in Mirfield we have felt that you have earnestly striven to do your duty as a good parish priest, and that besides teaching and preaching God's Word you have set all of us, both rich and poor, an example of godly life which we shall do well to follow. We trust that to your new home you will take some pleasant memories of Mirfield and its people. We on our side shall not soon forget you and your good works, and we shall pray for God's blessing on you, that you may long have health and strength to be His faithful soldier and servant, and to minister to your new flock as well and as earnestly as you have ministered to us.” A welcome was afterwards given to the Rev. Henry Walsham How, on the motion of Mr. E. B. W. Balme, supported by Mr. Joseph Wheatley and the churchwardens. The new Vicar made a suitable reply, after which a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Bishop for presiding. His Lordship, in acknowledging it, said a new tie was now formed between himself and the parish of Mirfield.