

ACCIDENT ON THE RAILWAY AT MIRFIELD.

An accident of some importance to the company occurred yesterday on the railway at Mirfield station on the viaduct close to the Shepley Bridge crossing the river Calder. The viaduct is too narrow, and suggestions have been made more than once that it should be widened, so as to carry four pairs of rails like the permanent way east and west. It seems that between two and three o'clock a Lancashire and Yorkshire goods train was going at a slow speed out of the station in the direction of Cooper Bridge and Brighouse, and from the opposite way, and on its proper line, of course, another train of the same kind was slowing in. The engine and some of the waggons of the first passed the points, and then by some mischance a wagon left the metals and collided with the other train, the result being that other vehicles were thrown off their respective lines, and both, of course, blocked. None of the railway servants were injured in any way. The noise of the collision drew a number of servants of the company to the place, and break-down gangs were wired for. In a comparatively short time they arrived, and the work of clearing the permanent way went forward, and was carried out as quickly as possible under the circumstances. Traffic was blocked for about four hours.