

NEW RAILWAY STATIONS NEAR DEWSBURY.—
Many persons travelling on the London and North-Western Railway between Leeds and Mirfield will have noticed that at Thornhill Junction important works are in progress; but more are being carried out than can possibly be seen from the line. They comprise a passenger station of considerable size, provided, of course, with up and down platforms, and on which, almost complete, are booking-office, waiting-rooms, and other departments, covering roof, &c. In addition, some forty yards away, is a large goods warehouse, with three floors, and with which will be counting-house and inquiry-offices, and adjacent, in a convenient situation, are stables, sheds, &c. The sidings for goods and excursion traffic are extensive and well laid out. The stations and the lines leading thereto were designed by the company's own engineering staff, and they are intended to serve both Thornhill Lees, part of Hopton, and Ravensthorpe. Access to the latter village is gained by a massive bridge over the Calder, comprising stone piers with lattice-girders, with cross-floor beams supporting the railway. A road has, of course, had to be constructed, and it leads from the station to Ravensthorpe by the extensive works of Messrs. Howgate and Sons. Another bridge crosses the main line of railway, and gives access to Thornhill by a long and recently constructed road, the work having been undertaken by Mr. E. T. Ingham, proprietor of the Thornhill Collieries, an extensive landowner. Towards the cost of the road, &c., the Thornhill Local Board contributed £1,000, and the local authority of Ravensthorpe giving an equal amount for their portion of the improvement. The cost to the London and North-Western Railway Company will be very considerable, but by these bridges and stations they tap two important and populous districts, and open out for residential purposes beautiful pieces in Thornhill and Mirfield, bringing them within the compass of a two miles' journey from Dewsbury. Messrs. C. and J. Keay, of Birmingham and Darlaston, are the contractors for the bridges over the railway and the river; and Mr. Wm. Moulsey for the station buildings, sidings, &c. It is expected that the new passenger station will be officially denominated "Ravensthorpe and Thornhill."