

RIOT IN A REFORM SCHOOL.

HOW THE BOYS AT THE WESTBOROUGH SCHOOL MANIFESTED THEIR DISGUST AT THE PROSPECT OF A REMOVAL.

A Massachusetts paper says that for some time past the larger boys in the Westborough reform school have manifested in various ways their dissatisfaction at the prospect of removal to the new department, which will soon be ready for occupancy, but until Friday night no violent outbreak had occurred. At the supper-table in the main dining-hall, just as the boys had risen from the table, and were forming in line to leave the room, one of their number, named Collins, whistled as a signal, and instantly threw a bowl at Officer Bigelow. This act was imitated by others, and crockery was thrown promiscuously for some moments, several officers and boys being cut, but no one seriously injured. The doors leading to the yard were thrown open and the majority of the boys, who did not participate in the m6'6e, passed out. The unruly ones, numbering 100 or more, were finally quartered in two connecting school-rooms in charge of officers, and for the following hour all was quiet. At this time the officers in charge were relieved to allow them to go supper, and Officer Armitage entered the school-room to assume charge. Suddenly the gas was turned down, and the boys began to throw slates and other convenient articles in all directions. Mr. Armitage was near the door and escaped unhurt, under cover of the darkness. Additional assistance, which had been summoned, now arrived, and as the boys were smashing windows and demolishing the gratings so that they might escape, the hose was attached to a hydrant and streams of water were thrown across the windows, which were in the second story. Soon it was discovered that some of the boys had managed to reach an elevator in the ceiling of the school-room, and by this means gain the attic. To cut off this movement streams of water were driven through the windows into the room, and the boys sought refuge in two "wardrobes" connected with the room. The school-room doors had all been barricaded on the inside with desks, chairs, and any articles at hand, but the boys were now ensconced in the small rooms, and these doors were also firmly held against intrusion. The attacking party could not enter through the windows, and as the only alternative the panels of the doors were broken with an axe, and the inmates were deluged with water from the hose until they surrendered. They emerged from their close quarters well soaked. No one was seriously injured, but many were bruised and cut during the battle of weapons. Much damage was done, especially in the school-rooms, furniture being demolished, windows smashed, and even the steam pipes being broken and twisted out of shape. Two cabinet organs were broken up, and the whole premises were well drenched with water. It is not easy to estimate the damage done, but it will probably range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

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