

## DEWSBURY.

MIRFIELD FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION.—The annual show of the Mirfield Floral, Horticultural, and Agricultural Society, was held on Saturday in a field adjoining the railway station. The attendance was hardly equal to that of last year, although, as the committee observe in making the change, the "Saturday half holiday is now almost universally enjoyed." The weather was rather unfavourable, being accompanied by frequent showers; but every feature of the exhibition deserved commendation. There are a great many gentlemen's gardeners in Mirfield, and of course it was expected that there would be superior collections of plants and vegetables. This was the case in a marked degree; and the superb specimens of dahlias attracted special notice. There were some remarkably fine trays of vegetables, and the judges were a long time in deciding to whom the first prize should be awarded. Dr. Wade, B. Wilson, Esq., J. S. Hirst, Esq., Miss Walker, Major Beaumont, Messrs. Copley, John Wild, W. Birch, and T. Dennis, were successful exhibitors in the foremost department. Fifteen trays were exhibited for competition in the several classes; and after a careful test and examination, the judges awarded the prizes as follow:—First, Mr. Hincliffe Gill; second, Mr. Foster Berry; third, Mr. J. Netherwood; fourth, no name; fifth, Mr. B. Dawson. The agricultural section gave evidence of prolific and healthy crops, potatoes and turnips being particularly good. Messrs. E. Barker, Henry Stott, S. W. Haigh, J. S. Rhodes, W. Dawson, J. F. Crowther, and others succeeded in obtaining prizes for samples of produce. The cottagers in Mirfield are noted for their cultivation of plants, and the appearance of the fuschias, geraniums, verbenas, and balsams betokened the care and pride taken in bringing floral products to perfection. Fruit was scarce, but choice. The poultry department was well represented, fowls of the finest breed being shown by Mr. Dixon, of Bradford, and Messrs. Noble and Ineson, of Heckmondwike. The Mirfield brass band at intervals discoursed music in the centre of the show ground.