

MIRFIELD HORTICULTURAL, FLORAL AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The twenty-eighth exhibition of the above society took place yesterday, the show-ground being a field in Easthorpe, belonging to Mr. Richard Hurst. The weather was most unpropitious, rain falling without intermission all morning and part of the afternoon, and towards the close of the day there was a heavy thunder-storm. The consequence was that comparatively few persons attended, and those who were present were thoroughly drenched. The band of the Mirfield Rifle Corps was in attendance, and when the weather permitted played a selection of operatic and other music. There was a very good exhibition of plants and flowers in both gentlemen's gardeners and cottagers' classes; the former embracing a very fine show of fruit. Of live stock the horses were the best part of the exhibition, and in roadsters and ponies under 14 hands there was a pretty close competition. There were also some fine-bred pigs, and a few pens of sheep.

Those who bore away the chief of the prizes in the gentlemen's gardeners classes were Messrs. W. Copley, Mirfield, Jonathan Jackson, Chas. Langley, and Geo. Rowe, all well-known growers. The prize takers amongst cottagers included Messrs. W. Coe, J. Sykes, Chas. Sykes, J. Manchester, Ellis Taylor, J. Elsworth, Geo. Moody, Henry Roberts, W. Kilner, J. Darley, B. Dawson, T. Watson, and J. Avison.

The following are the agricultural prizes:—

HORSES.—Hunter of any age, J. R. Dennison, Minsthorp, Pontefract; 2, Joe Sheard, Hopton. Jumper, open to all, Sykes and Sheard, Adwalton; 2, J. R. Dennison. Roadster, mare or gelding, three years and upwards, J. W. Rhodes, Kirkheaton; 2, Robert Appleton, Huddersfield. Roadster, two years old, colt or filly, J. F. Crowther, Easthorpe, Mirfield. Roadster, mare and foal, Richard Britton, Leeds Pottery; 2, Joseph Fox, Dewsbury. Draught mare or gelding, three years old and upwards, James J. Wooler, Batley; 2, Thomas Jessop, Honley. Two-years old draught colt or filly, Saml. Ellis, Wakefield. Draught mare and foal, Saml. Ellis. Stallion, open to all, John R. Dennison. Pony, not exceeding 13 hands, three years old and upwards, Eli Fearnside, Wakefield; 2, Marmaduke Fox, Mirfield. Groomed horse and gears, Schofield and Kirk, Huddersfield; 2, Joe Sheard. Horse for agricultural purposes, any age, S. Ellis; 2, J. U. Wooler. Jumping pony, not exceeding 14 hands, tested by three hurdles, W. F. Fox, Dewsbury; 2, J. M. Andrew, Dewsbury. Best horse of its class exhibited, J. R. Dennison. Mare of any class, appropriated for breeding purposes, M. Fox; 2, R. Britton. Pair of horses for agricultural purposes, J. Sheard; 2, J. S. Hurst, Mirfield.

SHEEP.—Pen of five ewes, having suckled lambs to July 1st, 1866, J. Sheard, Hopton; 2, W. Armitage, Nunbrook, Mirfield. Pen of five lambs, W. Armitage. Ram, according to age, W. Armitage; 2, J. Sheard. Pen of five fat sheep, any age, 1 and 2, J. S. Hurst.

PIGS.—Store pig, large breed, J. Gledhill, Heckmondwike; 2, J. Kaye, Shillbank, Mirfield. Store pig, middle breed, D. Swithenbank, Greenside, Mirfield; 2, J. Sheard. Store pig, small breed, J. Wainwright, Brockholes Junction; 2, J. Sheard. Sow and pigs, J. Gledhill; 2, J. Wainwright. Best store pig, W. Ellis, Greenside, Mirfield; 2, T. Cass, Towgate, Mirfield.