

MIRFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The exhibition of the Mirfield Horticultural, Floral, and Agricultural Society took place yesterday, on a field at Easthorpe. The weather was beautifully fine, and there was a very large and fashionable attendance. The exhibition of plants and flowers was excellent, especially of those with variegated foliage. Some splendid ferns were also shown. Of fruit in the first class there was a capital display, but the cottagers were not as well represented as at former exhibitions of this society. The show of horses was decidedly poor, there being very few first-class animals. The agricultural produce was very good. The successful exhibitors of floral and other productions in the first-class included the Rev. T. Nevin, and Messrs. Thos. Denis, W. Copley, J. Crossley, J. Jackson, A. Jackson, J. Sykes, H. Jackson, and R. Wheatley, Mrs. Fairburn and Mrs. Ingham; and in the second class, Messrs. J. Sykes, of Manchester, O. Sykes, W. Coe, G. Moody, J. Cardus, W. Jackson, &c., &c. In the agricultural department the following among others were successful:—Messrs. Crawshaw and Blakeley, W. Copley, J. S. Hurst, J. A. Rhodes, W. Armitage, Henry Jackson, D. Swithenbank, and Messrs. Crowther. The prize for the best roadster mare or gelding was taken by Messrs. Crowther, Mirfield, and the second by John Rooke, Howley. For draught horses the prizes were awarded as follows:—Joe Sheard, 1st; Day and Nephew, 2nd; and Henry Walker and Sons, 3rd. The best horse in this class was one owned by Messrs. Crawshaw and Blakeley, but it was disqualified on a point of ownership. The other prizes fell as follows:—Pony under 13 hands 1st, Dr. Hobson; 2nd, C. Ramsden; 3rd, E. Fearnside. Cob under 15 hands, 1st, Messrs. Crowther; 2nd, J. Rooke; 3rd, J. M. Johnson. Horse for agricultural purposes, 1st, Joe Sheard; 2nd, H. Walker and Sons. Carriage horse, 1st, Mr. Fox. Prizes for the best leapers were also awarded. In sheep the principal prizes were carried off by Messrs. W. Armitage, Joe Sheard, and J. S. Hurst; and in pigs by Messrs. J. S. Hurst, J. Kaye, J. Walker, and W. Ellis. The band of the 41st (Mirfield) West York Rifle Volunteers occupied a platform and played a selection of music for the amusement of the visitors.