

## MIRFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual exhibition of this society took place on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by a large and fashionable company. The show-ground was a field at East-thorpe, admirably adapted to the purpose, and it was laid out very well. The chief attraction was the show of fruit, flowers, and vegetables exhibited in two classes—gentlemen's gardeners, and cottagers. Of fuchsias, lilliums, geraniums, fine foliage plants and ferns there was a very good collection. The show of out flowers was hardly up to the average of previous exhibitions by this society. The same remark applies to fruit. The horse and cattle classes contained some fine animals, those well known breeders, Messrs. Crawshaw and Blakeley, of Dewsbury, taking first honours. Of pigs there was a fair average show. A good deal of interest appeared to be taken in the leaping trials by horses and ponies, especially in those which included a water-jump. An attempt at fraud by an exhibitor, Jesse Livesey, of Lepton, near Huddersfield, caused much comment. He had sent a quantity of wheat, barley, and oats to compete in the agricultural class. The produce was according to the conditions all in the straw, but when the judges came to examine it closely they found that fine ears of wheat and also of barley and oats, had been fitted into long and healthy straw. Livesey was of course disqualified, and his produce ticketed that he was struck out because of imposition. In the course of the afternoon the band of the Mirfield Rifle Corps played a selection of music at intervals.

The gentlemen who acted as judges were:—Plants—Mr. George Hamlin, Gledhow; Mr. Wm. Garside, Oye Head House. Cut blooms—Mr. James Hartley, Littleton; Mr. Wm. Hammond, Birkby. Vegetables—Mr. John Pearson, Siddal; Mr. George Conway, Salterhebble. Trays—Mr. Job Boothroyd, Darfield; Mr. Charles Kershaw, Brighouse. Fruits—Mr. George Elliott, Mr. James Wams, Woodhouse. Agricultural productions—Mr. Henry Rhodes, Kirkheaton; Mr. Joseph Whitworth, Liversedge. Pigs—Mr. George Whitley, Dewsbury. Cattle—Mr. John Stubbs, Wheatley, near Doncaster; Mr. Thomas Robinson, Wingate-hill, near Tadcaster.

The following are the principal prize winners in the two classes:—

FIRST CLASS.—Fruit, flowers, plants, and vegetables, W. Copley, gardener to Mr. E. B. W. Balme, Mirfield; Thos. Denis, Mirfield; John Crossley, Almondbury Bank; Alfred Carter, Liversedge; Wm. Ponty, Huddersfield; Isaac Newsome, Huddersfield; J. Jackson, Deighton; Mrs. Fairburn, Royd House; Miss Walker, Littlemoor; E. Lister, gardener to Mr. J. Howgate, Mirfield; Geo. Rowe, Sheepridge; Dr. Wade, Mirfield; W. Armitage, Elm Common; Rev. H. Bullivant, Whitley; Joe Sheard, Hopton; J. Wheatley, Woodlands.

SECOND CLASS.—Fruit, flowers, plants, and vegetables, J. Manchester, Mirfield; J. T. Sharpe, Farnley Tyas; W. Sands, Doghouse; J. Sykes, Almondbury; J. Appleyard, Hopton; W. Coe, Liversedge; Ella Taylor, Sheepridge; J. Elsworth, Crosby.

AGRICULTURAL CLASS.—S. W. Haigh, Colne Bridge; J. F. Crowther, Heaton Lodge; Joe Sheard, Hopton; J. Wheatley, Woodlands; and J. Appleyard, Hopton.

The following prizes were given for live stock:—

HORSES.—Jumper, open to all, Thomas Whitworth, Earlsheaton; 2, J. D. Nowell, Mirfield. Roadster mare or gelding, three years and upwards, Wm. Hy. Haigh, Wakefield; 2, Thomas Clarkson, Leeds. Draught mare or gelding, three years and upwards, 1 and 2, Crawshaw and Blakeley, Dewsbury. Draught mare and foal, Joseph F. Crowther, Mirfield; 2, Joseph Wheatley, Woodlands. Pony not exceeding 14 hands, any age, Wm. White, Crow Lees Levels; 2, C. A. Bidgway, Dewsbury. Extra Prizes.—Best mounted cob, Wm. Hy. Haigh; 2, Thomas Clarkson. Best horse for agricultural purposes, Hy. Welker and Sons, Sands Mill; 2, Gregg and Son, Batley Carr.

HORNED CATTLE.—Bull, any age, Crawshaw and Blakeley, Dewsbury; 2, Joe Sheard, Hopton. Milch cow, 1 and 2, Wm. Brook, Mirfield. Stirk or heifer not exceeding two years old, Crawshaw and Blakeley; 2, J. A. Rhodes, Mirfield. Extra Stock.—1 and 2, Wm. Brook.

PIGS.—Store pig, small breed, John Ingham Pilling, Leeds; 2, Joseph Duke, Dewsbury. Sow and pigs, Benjamin Briggs Hebblethwaite, Mirfield. Fat pig, any breed, John Appleyard. Store pig (open to cottagers only), James Pearson, Mirfield; 2, Allen Horstall, East-thorpe.