

**MIRFIELD RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.**--The annual distribution of prizes to members of the 41st (Mirfield) Rifle Volunteers took place on Saturday, in the Town Hall, East Thorpe. There was a large attendance. The prizes were more numerous than on any previous occasion. Captain Williamson read the annual report, which showed that there were 108 members in the Corps, as against 104 last year, and the amount of grant earned was £178 15s., as against £175 5s. in 1877, and £150 6s. in 1866. The number of men that had passed through the ranks was 1,313, still there were many old and efficient members, and the attendance at drill had been good. The camp last summer was a failure, because of the inclement state of the weather. At the close of the report, Captain Williamson alluded to the statement which has appeared in several newspapers, to the effect that the Volunteers are to be absorbed into the regular forces, and he expressed the opinion that if such a scheme were attempted to be carried out it would be found to be a grave mistake and a disastrous failure. The prizes were afterwards distributed, the chief winners being Private A. Lee, Private Wormald, Col.-Sergeant Priestley, Sergeant R. Sheard, Corporal Cass, Lance-Corporal E. Sheard, Corporal Midwood, Private Woolhouse, &c. &c. Mrs. Rees kindly presented the prizes, and she was heartily thanked, on the proposition of Lieut. Crowther, for her services. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.