

SMALLPOX HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION IN THE SPEN VALLEY.—Yesterday evening the Chairman of the Liversedge Local Board announced that a deputation representing the Liversedge and Mirfield Local Boards had waited on the Local Government Board with reference to the proposal to erect a joint hospital at Mirfield for the treatment of cases of infectious disease. The Local Government Board absolutely refused their consent to smallpox patients and other cases of infectious disease being treated in the same building. The later regulations of the Board, in addition, only allowed a smallpox hospital to be erected outside the radius of a quarter of a mile of forty houses, or half a mile of 120 dwellings. The Chairman said that entirely knocked their scheme on the head. He was of opinion that it would now be wise to retain the present wood and iron hospital at Mirfield for smallpox purposes, and possibly it would be well to erect a hospital for other purposes at Mirfield. Mr. Rear-den characterised the "tin-pot and matchbox hospitals" as simple abominations. It was stated that the subject would be further considered at a meeting of the Joint Hospital Board this week.