

MIRFIELD HORTICULTURAL, FLORAL AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. — The exhibition for 1865 of this flourishing society took place on Thursday in a field behind Blake Hall, Mirfield. The day was fine, and there was a very large attendance of visitors. Cut flowers, plants, fruits, and vegetables were exhibited in the society's marquee at the west end of the ground, and agricultural produce in the open air. The fruits were good of the kind, and so too were the vegetables, but cut blooms and plants were hardly up to the average. The prize winners included the well-known names of W. Copley, Hopton; J. Jackson, Deighton; J. Crossley, Dewsbury-moor; G. Moody, Newmillerdam; J. Sykes, T. Sykes, J. Brown, &c. There was a small collection of sheep and horned cattle exhibited by local and district keepers of stock. First prizes in each of three classes were taken by John Sheard for the best milch cow, A. Sheard for the best bull, and Joe Sheard for the best stirk. There was a numerous though not first-class show of horses, chiefly exhibited by local men. The judges occupied a very lengthened time in deciding upon the merits and demerits of the horses. They commenced their duties very early in the afternoon and did not finish until a quarter-past seven, and before that time plants and other articles were being removed from the ground. The Mirfield brass band was in attendance, and played a variety of airs. The following were the judges:—Fruits: Mr. George Elliot, Birkley; James Warns, Huddersfield. Plants: Mr. Wm. Garside, Denby Grange; Mr. George Hamlin, Gledhow, near Leeds; Mr. John Ramsden, Hightown. Cut Blooms: Mr. James Hartley, Littletown; Mr. William Hammond, Birkby. Vegetables: Mr. Geo. Conway, Salterhebble; Mr. Michael Baines, Well-head, Halifax. Trays: Mr. Job Boothroyd, Darfield; Mr. Charles Kershaw, Brighouse. Agricultural Productions and Cattle: Mr. George Mitchell, Liversidge Hall; Mr. Joseph Whitworth, Park, Liversidge; Mr. Richard Mann, Campsmount; Mr. George Ash, Leeds. Pigs: Mr. George Whiteley, Dewsbury.