

FRUIT, FLOWER, AND VEGETABLE SHOW AT REDLINGFIELD.

"Where is Redlingfield?" has as frequently been jestingly asked by inhabitants of the district since a certain article appeared in the *Journal* a few weeks ago as "Where are we now?" was asked by the jocular after a certain article appeared in the *Journal* upon a memorable occasion a few years ago. It may be well to explain that the interrogatory, "Where is Redlingfield?" had its origin in this wise. For several years the parishes of Occold, Rishangles, Redlingfield, and Bedingfield have united in holding an annual show of fruit, flowers, and vegetables, &c., the exhibitions taking place alternately at Occold and Bedingfield, it being Bedingfield's turn this year—at least so thought the Occoldians, but not so the Redlingfieldians, who considered it was quite time they had a turn, and consequently asserted it. It was then that the sarcastic, who pretended to be in ignorance of the existence of the place, but who in reality objected to the show being held there, asked the question, "Where is Redlingfield?" and the phrase has become quite a by-word in the locality. However, Redlingfield fought hard and determinedly for the show, and in the end—with the support of Bedingfield—won. The exhibition was held there on Tuesday, and, although those who argue that Redlingfield is too "one-cornered" for a show of the kind, have truth on their side, it cannot be denied that once there, the spot upon which the show was held (by the kindness of Mr. David Reeve, of Redlingfield Hall) proved a most suitable one for the purpose in every respect, being a picturesque, secluded and "historical meadow," and the most strenuous opponent of the show being held at Redlingfield will not deny that the parishioners made splendid efforts to justify their claims to have the honour of entertaining the show of 1889—aye! what's more, favoured by perfect weather, they thoroughly succeeded, "Don't forget Redlingfield!" has met the eye at every turn during

the last few days, and certainly those who visited the show there on Tuesday are not very likely to forget the place for some time to come. Of triumphal arches, hunting and mottoes there was an abundance. The arches (five in number, most of them double ones) were, thanks to Mr. David Reeve (who, it may be remarked, in passing, is "soft in manner, but strong in action") of really first-class structure, and were erected at the most advantageous points of the village, having an excellent effect. The mottoes, which had evidently been "thought out," included the following:—"Welcome for Occold," "A Fair Field and no Favour," "Unity, Peace, and Concord," "Success to our Show," &c., whilst the hunting was pretty and profuse.

As regards the show itself, it was an all-round excellent one, and, in respect to quantity and quality, quite equal to former occasions. Potatoes were superior to any seen at a local exhibition this year; dwarf beans and scarlet runners may be said to have been A 1; onions, both autumn and spring-sown, were a good class; and there were some capital dishes of currants and gooseberries, as there were also of apples, both cooking and dessert. The children displayed considerable taste in selecting and arranging their bunches of wild flowers, and had evidently benefited by a hint which was given them on this point in the Thorndon report last week. The pot flowers exhibited by the cottagers were not the least interesting feature of the show. The Rev. T. S. Shaw sent an admirable collection of stove and greenhouse plants, and although these were not exhibited for competition, they added materially to the beauty and appearance of the show.

Stocks's fair was close at hand; the Eye Volunteer band performed a choice selection of music; there were various other amusements, and the affair was a very enjoyable and successful one. Should anybody again ask, "Where is Redlingfield?" Trifel Muttouk will tell them it is where it was at least 800 years ago (when a Benedictine nunnery was founded there), and where it will remain for another 800 years, unless, indeed, it should be acquired some day by visitors, which

should be carried away piecemeal by visitors, which would not be a difficult matter if they attended in anything like the numbers they did on Tuesday, when there were as many, or more, present than have ever attended these shows. Quite up to six o'clock the cry was, "Still they come," and if one turned his eyes towards Stocks's roundabout he involuntarily ejaculated, "And there they go."

To return to the show. The Judges were, for fruit, flowers, and vegetables, Mr. John Rush and Mr. Thos. Skuffham (Eye); needlework, eggs, and bread, Mrs. Syer Cracknell (Beddingfield), Mrs. Walter Cracknell and Mrs. Reeve (Reddingfield); Occold allotments, Mr. H. Gedny and Mr. N. B. Garrard (Eye); Reddingfield and Beddingfield allotments, Mr. J. Breese (Occold), and Mr. R. Leggett (Rishangles); Rishangles cottage gardens, Mr. Rye Cracknell. The awards were as follows:—

CLASS A, FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS AND COTTAGERS.—Best 12 kidney potatoes, red, E Cook, Beddingfield; 2nd, Louis Lock, Occold; 3rd, Isaac Garnham, Beddingfield; 4th, Geo Kent, Rishangles. Best 12 kidney potatoes, white, Louis Lock; 2nd, Geo Kent; 3rd, William Fulcher, Occold; 4th, Isaac Garnham. Best 12 round potatoes, white, F Reynolds, Occold; 2nd, Geo Harvey, Reddingfield; 3rd, Louis Lock; 4th, Geo Barnes, Occold. Best 12 round potatoes, red, Fred Reynolds; 2nd, Geo Blake, Occold; 3rd, Joshua Reynolds, Occold; 4th, E Kent, Occold. Best long pod beans, 20 pods, Wm Noller, Occold; 2nd, H Muttock, Reddingfield; 3rd, Wm Thorndike, Occold. Best Windsor beans, 20 pods, James Aldous, Beddingfield; 2nd, Louis Lock; 3rd, Geo Kent; extra, John Everson, Occold. Best scarlet runners, 24 pods, Joseph Haddock, Occold; 2nd, Wm Thorndike; 3rd, Wm Haddock, Occold. Best dwarf beans, 24 pods, Geo Blake; 2nd, E Eldred, Occold; 3rd, Louis Lock. Best peas, 24 pods, E Eldred; 2nd, W Baldwin, Reddingfield; 3rd, Chas Platt, Beddingfield. Best 3 cabbages, white, Geo Chambers, Reddingfield; 2nd, Wm Hammond, Beddingfield; 3rd, A Haddock, jun, Occold. Best red cabbage, A Haddock; 2nd, Wm Thorndike; 3rd, Wm Hammond. Best 6 carrots, Wm Moore, Reddingfield; 2nd, Simon Thorndike, Occold; 3rd, E Eldred. Best 6 parsnips, Simon Thorndike; 2nd, Wm Moore; 3rd, George Barnes. Best 6 turnips, Wm Hammond; 2nd, Wm Noller; 3rd, A Haddock, jun. Best 12 onions, spring-sown, Wm Marsh, Beddingfield; 2nd, Thomas Muttock, Reddingfield; 3rd, James Hammond, Beddingfield. Best 12 onions,

autumn-sown, F Reynolds; 2nd, Walter Allum, Reddingfield; 3rd, S Thorndike. Best 3 lettuces, Wm Noller; 2nd, A Haddock, jun; 3rd, E Eldred. Best 2 cucumbers, M Moyse, Occold; 2nd, Louis Lock; 3rd, Robert Hines, Occold.

Fruit.—Best 24 bunches red currants, E Eldred; 2nd, Robt Hines; 3rd, Wm Thorndike. Best 24 bunches white currants, E Eldred; 2nd, E Kent; 3rd, Wm Moore. Best 24 bunches black currants, J Stearn, Beddingfield; 2nd, J Fulcher, Occold; 3rd, Wm Thorndike. Best 24 red gooseberries, Isaac Garnham; 2nd, Wm Thorndike; 3rd, Wm Hammond. Best 24 yellow gooseberries, E Eldred; 2nd, Wm Marsh; 3rd, Geo Blake. Best 24 green gooseberries, E Eldred; 2nd, Wm Marsh; 3rd, W Muttock. Best 12 kitchen apples, Wm Thorndike; 2nd, Robt Hines; 3rd, John Lawes, Reddingfield. Best 12 dessert apples, Wm Fulcher; 2nd, E Mortimer, Rishangles; 3rd, Robt Hines. Best 12 pears, Henry Laws, Reddingfield; 2nd, A Haddock, jun.; 3rd, E Cook. Best loaf of bread, 4 lbs weight, Wm Thorndike; 2nd, J Marsh, Beddingfield; 3rd, H Muttock, jun., Reddingfield.

Flowers.—Best 3 specimen plants, grown in pots on premises of exhibitor, Geo Kent; 2nd, George Blake; 3rd, Henry Laws. Best arranged bunch of wild flowers, for school children only, M Cracknell; 2nd, G Barnes, Occold; 3rd, M Elliott, Beddingfield; 4th, J Stone.

Special Prizes.—Best needlework by exhibitor, given by Mrs Todd, Occold Rectory, Mrs Fred Reynolds, Occold; 2nd, Mrs Wm Moore, Reddingfield; 3rd, Mrs Geo Barnes, Occold. Best 6 varieties of potatoes, 6 of each variety (given by Mrs Shaw, Beddingfield Rectory), Fred Reynolds; 2nd, C Aldous. Best specimen plant grown in pot, three months the property of exhibitor (given by Mrs Breese, Benningham Hall), Geo Blake; 2nd, Wm Thorndike. Best pair of knitted stockings (given by Mr Breese), Mrs Havers, Occold. Best basket of vegetables (given by Mrs Deck, Occold Hall), S Thorndike; 2nd, M Moyse. Best loaf of bread (given by Mrs Beddingfield, of Beddingfield House), Mrs George Barnes, Occold; 2nd, A Haddock, sen., Occold; 3rd (given by Mrs Syer Cracknell), Wm Baldwin. Best collection of wild flowers (given by Master A Beddingfield), Nellie Whistler, Beddingfield. Best collection of fruit (given by Mrs B C Gedny, White House, Occold), E Eldred; 2nd, William Thorndike. Best 12 eggs (given by Mrs Rye Cracknell, Beddingfield), Wm Stone; 2nd, E Cook.

CLASS B (AMATEURS).—Best basket of vegetables, Rev T S Shaw; 2nd, Rev R F Mumford. Best collection of fruit (6 varieties, out-door), Rev T S Shaw; 2nd, Mr Rye

Cracknell, Beddingfield. Best collection of 6 roses, Rev T S Shaw; 2nd, Rev H L Todd. Best collection of annuals, Rev T S Shaw; 2nd, Rev H L Todd. Best honey in comb, Wm Fulcher; 2nd, Isaac Fulcher; 3rd, Wm Hammond. Best brace of cucumbers, Rev R F Mumford; 2nd, Rev T S Shaw.

Best cultivated allotment in Occold, only one acre, Shadrach Ling; 2nd, M Moyses. Best half-acre, Joshua Reynolds. Best quarter-acre, Fred Reynolds; 2nd, A Haddock, junr.; 3rd, Wm Thorndike. Best 20 rods, E Kent; 2nd, Wm Noller. Best allotment in Beddingfield, 20 rods, T Platt; 2nd, W Hammond; 3rd, A Elliott. Best quarter-acre, W Shuger; 2nd, J Hammond; 3rd, T Hammond. Best half-acre, J Marsh; 2nd, W Marsh; 3rd, Chas Aldous; 4th, Chas Platt; 5th, Isaac Garnham. Best allotment in Reddingfield, quarter-acre, Wm Moore; 2nd, Mrs Burrows; 3rd, H Muttock, junr.; 4th, W Muttock; 5th, Fred Hammond. Best cottage garden in Rishangles, J Shulver; 2nd, Geo Kent; 3rd, John Artis.

A well-arranged and liberal programme of athletic sports was carried out during the afternoon, under the direction of Mr. D. Reeve and Mr. J. Breese (judges), Rev. T. S. Shaw (president of the Society for the year, referee), and Mr. J. Freeman (starter), Mr. John Peck efficiently and courteously discharging the duties of hon. secretary here as well as in connection with the show. The winners of the open events were:—

HURDLE RACE.—First, Bacon; 2nd, Bond.

QUARTER-MILE RACE.—First, Bond; 2nd, Bacon.

HALF-MILE FLAT RACE.—First, Bond; 2nd, Collet.

MILE RACE.—First, Bond; 2nd, Collet.

PONY RACE.—First, Reeve; 2nd, Breese.

200 YARDS FLAT RACE.—First, Bacon; 2nd, Johnson.

DONKEY RACE.—First, Theobald; 2nd, Shaw; 3rd, Reeve