

# FLOWER SHOWS IN YORK.

## NATIONAL TULIP AND YORK FLORISTS' SOCIETIES.

The exhibition of the Royal National Tulip Society was held yesterday, in the Exhibition Building at York, in conjunction with the May show of the Ancient Society of York Florists. The society has not visited York with its exhibition since the year 1849. The prizes amounted to £45, and the competitors, who were fifteen in number, comprised well-known growers from Lancashire and various districts of the county of Yorkshire, and other more distant districts. The show of tulips as a whole was only an average one. Owing to the absence of sufficient sunshine at the most necessary time, and the very low temperature which has prevailed during the past three weeks, the flowers are very much more backward than would otherwise have been the case. A great many of them were stained yellow at the base through an absence of sunshine, and the feathers were particularly poor in many cases. Some of the individual flowers were, however, exceedingly good, and the show of Breeders was especially fine. Several of these flowers were very rich in colouring. Another reason which may be assigned for the average character of the show is that in the Wakefield district, which is one of the most important districts for the culture of tulips, a serious disease has broken out during the last month or two. This has so materially affected one of the principal growers, who in previous years has taken a premier position in the show, that this year he is not represented at all. It was satisfactory to note that the exhibits of the competitors for the maiden prizes were of excellent quality, a fact which may be taken to indicate some revival in tulip-growing. A certificate of merit, it may be added, was awarded to Mr. Charles Thurston for a stand of six seedling tulips. The York Society's Show was marked by similar features to those which were noticeable in the larger exhibition. The judges for the National Society's Show were Messrs. H. Howaley (Stockport), J. Woodhead (Staleybridge), E. Booth (Stockport), and R. Keysey (Gorton). For the local show the judges were Messrs J. Douglas, W. Clark, E. Everard, and E. Staines. The show was largely visited during the afternoon and evening.

In the afternoon the members of the Ancient Society of York Florists entertained the members of the Royal National Tulip Society to lunch at the White Swan Hotel, Goodramgate. Mr. A. Simpson presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. Vyvyan and the Rev. F. D. Horner (president of the Tulip Society).—After the loyal toasts Mr. Cowper proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by the Rev. F. D. Horner, who warmly thanked the local society for their kind reception of the Tulip Society. That was the first time that he had met them as a body, and he was glad to be able to cement new friendships. (Applause.)—Mr. Thurston (Cardiff), also replied, and proposed "The Ancient Society of York Florists."—Mr. Mackintosh, in reply, said that if the Tulip Society had given them longer notice of their intended visit they would have prepared a better reception, and instead of only giving them £10 in prizes they would have tried to have doubled that sum. (Hear, hear.)—The Rev. H. Vyvyan proposed the health of the Chairman, which was received with enthusiasm, and duly acknowledged.

### THE PRIZE LIST.

#### NATIONAL TULIP SOCIETY.

##### RECTIFIED TULIPS.

Class 1.—Five stands of 12 dissimilar tulips, two feathered and two flamed in each class—1, J W Bentley, Middleton, Manchester; 2, C W Needham, Royton; 3, A Moorhouse, Wakefield; 4, W Kitchen, Marple; 5, J Thurston, Cardiff.

Class 2.—Eight stands of six dissimilar tulips, one feathered and one flamed in each class—1 and medal, J W Bentley; 2, C W Needham; 3, W Mellor, Wakefield; 4, J Jones, Denton; 5, W Dymock, Stockport; 6, A Moorhouse; 7, W Kitchen; 8, J Thurston.

Class 3.—Four stands of six dissimilar tulips, one feathered and one flamed in each class—1, E N Schofield, Leeds; 2, J Bell, Stoke; 3, H Gill, Leeds.

Class 4.—Six stands of three feathered tulips, one in each class—1, E N Schofield; 2, J Jones; 3, J W Bentley; 4, C W Needham; 5, W Kitchen; 6, A Moorhouse.

Class 5.—Six stands of three flamed tulips, one of each class—1, Rev F D Horner, Burton-in-Lonsdale; 2, A Moorhouse; 3, J W Bentley; 4, W Kitchen; 5, W Mellor; 6, E N Schofield.

Class 6.—Three stands of two tulips, one feathered and one flamed, of any class, for maiden growers only—1, Dr Pegge, Beeston; 2, J Bell; 3, Mr Pitton, Middleton.

Class 7.—Six stands of two tulips, one feathered and one flamed, of any class—1, Dr Pegge; 2, W Dymock; 3, H Gill; 4, A Moorhouse; 5, J W Bentley; 6, Rev F D Horner.

Class 8.—Single blooms. Feathered bizzarres—1, J Jones; 2 and 3, W Mellor; 4, E N Schofield; 5, Bentley; 6, Mellor; 7, Schofield; 8, Bentley; 9, Bell; 10, Needham. Feathered roses—1, W Dymock; 2 and 3, Moorhouse; 4, Bentley; 5, Kitchen; 6, Schofield; 7 and 8, Horner; 9 and 10, Needham. Feathered bybloemens—1 and 2, Schofield; 3, Bentley; 4, Schofield; 5, Dymock; 6, Horner; 7, Kitchen; 8 and 9, Dymock; 10, Kitchen. Flamed bizzarres—1, Bentley; 2 and 3, Horner; 4, Schofield; 5, Jones; 6, Moorhouse; 7, Kitchen; 8, Needham; 9, Bentley; 10, Kitchen. Flamed roses—1, Moorhouse; 2, Bentley; 3, Schofield; 4, Horner; 5, Bentley; 6, Schofield; 7, Pegge; 8, Horner; 9 and 10, Bentley. Flamed bybloemens—1, 2, and 3, Kitchen; 4, Mellor; 5, Horner; 6, Kitchen; 7, Bentley; 8, Moorhouse; 9, Kitchen; 10, Needham.

Class 9.—The best feathered tulip and the best flamed tulip in the whole exhibition—Best feathered tulip, Mr Pegge; flamed tulip, J W Bentley.

##### BREEDER TULIPS.

Class 10.—Six stands of six dissimilar tulips, two of each class—1, Bentley; 2, Horner; 3, Moorhouse; 4, Kitchen; 5, Mellor; 6, Needham.

Class 11.—Eight stands of three tulips, one of each class—1, Kitchen; 2, Bentley; 3, Moorhouse; 4, Horner; 5, Mellor; 6, Needham; 7, Gill; 8, Thurston.

Class 12.—Single blooms—Bizzarres: 1, Bentley; 2, Horner; 3, 4, and 5, Bentley; 6, Thurston; 7 and 8, Horner. Roses: 1, Bentley; 2, Horner; 3, 4, 5 and 6, Bentley; 7, Thurston. Bybloemens: 1, Bentley; 2 and 3, Horner; 4 and 5, Bentley; 6, Gill; 7, Kitchen; 8, Horner.

Class 13.—Best breeder tulip of any class in the whole exhibition—J W Bentley.