

**CONGREGATIONAL JUBILEE AT HOPTON.**—The first of a series of services in connection with the jubilee at Hopton Congregational Chapel, Mirfield, was held yesterday. In the afternoon a new Sunday and day school was formally opened by Mrs. G. G. Waddington. The premises, which have been erected from designs by Mr. John Barker, architect, of Mirfield, are handsome and commodious and substantially built, to accommodate 570 scholars. The cost of the structure when complete is estimated at about £2,000, but that does not include the additional ground required for playgrounds. A deficiency of £800 remains to be raised. At the conclusion of the opening ceremony a large number of persons partook of tea in the old school-room, and in the evening there was a service in the chapel. The Rev. John Gamble, resident minister, gave an interesting sketch of the history of Congregationalism in Hopton, which dates from the year 1662, when 2,000 clergymen of the Church of England left their livings in consequence of the passing of the Act of Uniformity, and one of these self-denying men—the Rev. Richard Thorpe—founded a Congregational interest there. The Rev. E. Mellor, D.D., of Halifax, afterwards preached an able sermon from Revelations xiv. 3. There was a large attendance both at the opening of the school and at the evening service.