

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, HOPTON.**—The first annual meeting of the church and congregation at Hopton, after the settlement of the Rev. J. H. Best, B.Sc., took place on Tuesday evening in the Hopton Lecture Room. After tea, to which about 200 people sat down, the meeting was presided over by Mr. Best, who congratulated the church and congregation upon the happy circumstances under which they met. The financial statement was made by Mr. Thos. Patterson, showing a balance in hand of over £63 in the incidental accounts. The church report was read by Mr. J. A. Clapham, the secretary, which showed an increase in the number of members. The Sunday school report was read by Mr. P. Priestley, and the day school report by Mr. W. S. Waddington. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Crowther Wooler upon his resignation of the office of treasurer, which he has held for many years. Mr. Wooler's family is one of the oldest families connected with the church, extending back to the last century.