

HOPTON CHAPEL SABBATH SCHOOLS.—During the past year the friends in connection with the above place of worship have been making extensive additions to their Sabbath school accommodation. The new building projects from the side of the old school to the end of the chapel. On the upper floor is a large room for the girls' school; also senior class rooms, and a large infant class room. On the ground floor are two select class rooms, and a very beautiful lecture room, designed for teachers' meetings, as well as for literary and general uses. The whole of the arrangements were sufficiently completed to admit of the solemn dedication of the building on new year's-day. The opening service commenced at two o'clock in the afternoon. The children of the Sabbath-schools were present; and a goodly number of their parents and other friends connected with the place. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Bateman, was of a very solemn and impressive nature. At the close of the service the children sat down to an excellent tea, and the teachers and friends were similarly entertained in the select class and lecture rooms. After tea addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. H. Bateman, Mr. C. Haworth, of the Lancashire Independent College, and Mr. Allison, of Leeds. The proceedings were throughout characterised by great interest, and were attended by a large number of friends. It may be added that the building affords very ample and suitable accommodation for Sabbath-school purposes, and furnishes another striking proof of the power of voluntary effort. The whole cost of the new structure is about £800—two-thirds of which sum are already realised. It is intended shortly to make a little effort to liquidate the remaining part of the debt.