

**HOPTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**—A bazaar in aid of this church was opened on Tuesday by Ald. Briggs Priestley, of Bradford, in the Mirfield Town Hall. The Hopton church is one of the oldest Congregational churches in the county, having been founded by the Rev. Richard Thorp, of Hopton Hall, about 1662. The old chapel was built in 1733, and the Rev. Isaac Watts, D.D., was one of the contributors to its erection. The present church was built 51 years ago, in 1829, and was opened free from debt, without any collections being made at the opening services. The founder of the church at Hopton was also the founder of the Mirfield Grammar School, and lands left by Mr. Thorp now realise nearly £200 a year, and 10 Mirfield boys are educated free every year. The object of the bazaar is the removal of a debt of over £1,000 upon the new day and Sunday schools at Hopton.