

U. P. SYNOD—SCOTLAND.

The Synod met in their Hall, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on the evening of Monday, 14th May, when the Rev. James Harper D.D., Professor of Divinity was elected Moderator. We shall endeavour to give as full an account of the procedure as our space will admit. The Rev. David Crawford resigned his office as one of the Clerks of Synod. The Rev. Henry Renton of Kelso, read a very able report from the Committee, on the celebration of the Tri-Centenary of the Reformation in Scotland. The Report of the Committee on Scholarships was received, from which it appeared that 58 University Students had undergone examination, and that Scholarships had been awarded to 28. The contributions to the fund this year, had been double those of the year preceding. A reference from one of the Presbyteries relative to the Committee was brought before the Synod, and disposed of in favour of the Committee. The celebration of the Tri-Centenary of the Reformation was held in the Music Hall, when Addresses were delivered—by the Rev. N. McMichael, D.D., on the causes of the Reformation—by the Rev. Henry Renton, A.M., on the Scottish Reformation—by the Rev. James Harper D.D., on the influence of the Reformation—by the Rev. William Anderson, LL.D., on the defects of the Reformation—and by the Rev. William Lindsay, D.D., on our present duties in relation to the cause of Reformation. Between these addresses, which were of great and varied excellence, there were prayer and praise, and the large audience seemed to be very deeply and favourably impressed. The annual Missionary meeting of the Synod was held also in the Music Hall. A Report was read by the Rev. H. M. McGill, Home Mission Secretary, which contained the following among many other interesting statements. Ten years ago only 392 congregations contributed to Synodical Missions, and 108 declined; now 514 contributed and there were only 19 defaulters. In liquidation of debt, the Church had raised last year, £29,151, for congregational purposes £145,932, for Missionary and benevolent objects £44,119, making in all £190,052, nearly £35,000 more than in any previous year, and giving an average of £1. 3s. 5d. for each member. The congregations aided from the Home Fund were 93, and they have raised for congregational purposes £8,739, and benevolent objects £1,092, in all £9,850. There were also 64 congregations which had received aid from the Fund for the better support of the Gospel ministry. A friend who lately visited Ulster had devoted £1,000 to be expended by the Synod on Missions in Ireland; and another friend who had, for some years, furnished the funds necessary for carrying on missionary operations in that country, had expressed his desire to place these at the disposal of the Synod. Reference also was joyfully and devoutly made to the Revival, which more or less strikingly had appeared in many portions of the Church throughout the whole of its bounds.

Dr. Somerville then read a Report respecting the Foreign Missions of the Church. He began by referring to Canada, and proceeded to speak of Jamaica, in which there are 25 congregations, 24 of which raised £3,039, being a considerable advance on last year. In the schools there were 3028 scholars. The Academy of Montego Bay had 62 Public scholars, 11 Missionary, and 5 Theological students. In Trinidad there are 2 congregations, both of which are in a prosperous condition. At Old Calabar there are 6 Stations, 5 Ordained Missionaries, 1 Medical Missionary and, besides the wives of the Missionaries, 4 Female teachers, and 1 Printer. In Caffraria there are 2 congregations, both of which are making great progress. The Jewish mission is conducted 1st at Algiers, 2nd at Altona, 3rd at Hamburg, 4th at Aleppo and considerable inquiry is excited respecting Jesus as the Messiah. In India we have 1 surviving Missionary, Mr. Shoolbred. Mr. John Robson has been engaged, and the committee are in communication with two others. Mr. Murdoch, Agent for the South India Christian School Book Society is also in connection with our church. In Australia there are still 5 ministers of our church. The committee during the year had given £500 to the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, £450 to the Evangelical Society in Geneva, £200 to the Belgian Missionary Society, and £150 to the Evangelical Society of Lyons. In conclusion it was stated that omitting Canada, Australia, and the Continental