

business, and no less than 250,048 tobacco shops in the united kingdom. In France much more is consumed in proportion to the population, the emperor clearing \$20,000,000 annually by the government monopoly. In Denmark the annual consumption averages 70 ounces to each person, in Belgium 73 ounces, and in America the average is vastly higher. It is calculated that 2,000,000 tons, or 4,480,000,000 pounds of tobacco are annually used in the world, at a cost sufficient to pay for all the bread corn used in Great Britain. It is boasted that 100,000,000 of the human race are smokers. In New York city it is stated that there are about 200,000 smokers, each using two cigars daily, making, at an average of four cents each, the sum of \$16,000 daily, or \$5,840,000 a year, wasted in smoking in this city alone. There are about 900,000,000 cigars manufactured in this city annually, amounting, at the same price to \$36,000,000.—*American Messenger*.

TRICENTENARY OF THE REFORMATION IN SCOTLAND.

Our readers are aware that it is intended that this Commemoration be held in Edinburgh, on four successive days, beginning with Tuesday, 14th August, 1860. The committee propose that a series of papers be read, and that there be also free conversation, and devotional exercises. The following list of subjects has been issued as suitable for the essays, and it is in contemplation that they be afterwards published in a volume :

1. State of Scotland, civil and religious, before the Reformation.
2. Immediate causes that led to the Reformation.
3. The hand of God in the Reformation.
4. The Reformation itself and what it accomplished.
5. The principal characters that figured in the Scottish Reformation.
6. The imperfections of the Reformation in Scotland.
7. Contrast of the Scottish Reformation with the Reformation in other countries.
8. Leading doctrinal principles of the Reformation in Scotland.
9. Subsequent history, and present state of Scotland in reference to Protestantism.
10. Recent advances of Rome, and the causes of them.
11. Present duties of Scottish Protestants towards their own land.
12. Importance of a Protestant Institute at Edinburgh, to reach the educated youth, and the future ministers and teachers of Scotland, and recent experience in connection with the training of students in the distinctive principles of the Reformation.
13. State of Protestantism in England, with the dangers thence arising.
14. State of Protestantism in Ireland, and causes of the limited diffusion of the principles of the Reformation in that country, with its present state and prospects in connection with the late remarkable Revival of religion.
15. State of Protestantism in the various Colonies of Britain, and the support given to Popery by their respective Governments.
16. State of Protestantism in the Continents of Europe and America, with the duty of Scottish Protestants in reference thereto.

Obituary.

PROFESSOR GEORGE WILSON, M. D.

This excellent and distinguished Scotchman, died at his residence in Edinburgh, after a very short illness, on Tuesday, 22nd November, aged 41. He was Director of the Industrial Museum, and the first Professor of Technology in the Metropolitan University. Prior to his receiving these appointments he had gained celebrity as a lecturer and writer on Chemistry, and as the author of several interesting biographies. He also contributed to periodicals, a number of valuable papers on various scientific subjects, and was understood to be engaged, at the time of his death, with a Life of his friend, Professor Edward Forbes. He was well known, as eminent for piety, combined with great liberality of sentiment, and remarkably free from sectarianism. From a funeral sermon, by his Pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. Lindsay Alexander, it seems that he first came under religious impressions, after undergoing a dangerous surgical operation, and a student in Divinity, (Dr. Cairns, we suppose,) is said to have been chiefly instrumental in producing the effect. He was a man of real genius, remarkable for gentleness and modesty, and amiable in no ordinary degree.