

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

An interesting event that occurred last month was the annual meeting of the Total Abstinence Union of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The executive report showed an increase in the membership, which now numbers 32,275, distributed among 230 societies. The annual meeting of the United Presbyterian Ministers' Temperance Society was held at the same time, and formally ended by amalgamation with the organization previously named.

The Scottish Free Church Temperance Societies' annual meeting, was also large and interesting. There were reported to be 1,156 adult societies and Bands of Hope, with a registered membership of 125,662. The number of abstaining ministers in charge reported was 754. Over 90 per cent. of the students in training were teetotalers.

Another important annual meeting held in May was that of the Scottish Temperance League, founded in 1844. A year of hard work was reviewed. One important item of that work was literature circulation, the League having sent out during the preceding twelve months 18,267 books and 649,000 tracts. Sir William Collins was re-elected president.

There were 428 delegates and 60 members of the executive committee present at the annual council meeting of the National British Women's Temperance Association, which opened in London on May 9, with Lady Henry Somerset, the president, in the chair. Miss F. E. Willard was a visitor and received a very cordial greeting. Many presents were tendered to her, as she was about leaving for America.

Sir Wilfred Lawson presided at the yearly meeting of the British Congregational Total Abstinence Association recently held in London. The executive committee's report showed that of 2,780 ministers in Congregational churches 2,160 were total abstainers.