

causes of the smallness of the sum, and expressed a hope that they would speedily have £80,000, not as a goal, but as a starting point.

TRICENTENARY OF THE REFORMATION IN SCOTLAND.

The following is the programme adopted for the celebration of the Tricentenary, by the U. P. Synod, at Edinburgh, on the 10th of May, at 11 o'clock, A.M. :

Brief Prayer by the Moderator. Praise and Reading of the Scriptures. Special Thanksgiving for the Reformation and its benefits, with Humiliation for our little appreciation and improvement of them.—I. Address on the Causes of the Reformation, by the Rev. N. McMichael, D.D. Praise and Prayer.—II. Address on the Scottish Reformation, by the Rev. Henry Renton, A.M. Praise and Prayer.—III. Address on the Influence of the Reformation in rescuing the Truth of Salvation from Error and Superstition, by the Rev. James Harper, D.D. Praise and Prayer.—IV. Address on the Defects of the Reformation ; especially in relying on the Civil Power for the support of Religion, and in failing to assert liberty of conscience as the right of all men, by the Rev. William Anderson, LL.D. Praise and Prayer.—V. Address on our present Duties in relation to the cause of the Reformation, and the Dangers which threaten it, by the Rev. William Lindsay, D.D. Praise and Prayer. Benediction.

SCOTTISH TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the League was held in Glasgow on Monday, 7th May, Robert Smith, Esq., President in the chair. The affairs of the Society seemed in a very prosperous condition. A number of their publications had a vast circulation, and they had been promised a new work from the pen of Dr. Guthrie. Their income, chiefly from sales, was £4,065 and their capital now stood at £3,064, Professor Miller (Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh) stated, that the Abstinence Society in the Free Church now included 240 ministers.

LONDON RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

On Monday, 21st April, a meeting was held at Edinburgh in Queen Street U. P. Hall, for the purpose of hearing a statement by the Rev. P. J. Saffery, one of the secretaries of the London Religious Tract Society, respecting its foreign operations. The Rev. D. T. K. Drummond occupied the chair. Mr. Saffery stated that the issues of the Society during the past year had amounted to 42,000,000 publications, and that during the period of the Society's existence they had circulated 800,000,000 publications in 114 different languages and dialects. The funds amounted to about £12,000 a year, but the demands upon them were more than they could meet. A larger number of grants had been made to Scotland than to any other part of the kingdom ; 158 libraries having been given to destitute districts in this country, and a large number of tracts having been supplied to the colporteurs of the Edinburgh Society. He then proceeded to speak of the foreign operations of the Society. In Russia a great demand had arisen for copies of the Scriptures. In Constantinople there were from 10,000 to 12,000 inhabitants who had been for some time secretly reading the New Testament, and who had become so shaken in their faith in the doctrines of the false prophet, that they were earnestly asking for Christian tracts and books. In Sweden, out of three millions of a population, 200,000 had been awakened. In Germany, the circulation of the Society's publications had been greater during the past year than at any former period. Northern Italy was now open to their operations, and a number of earnest and devoted friends of the society in Tuscany were endeavouring to take advantage of the present period of liberty by establishing depots there. There had been a great awakening of the public mind in Portugal, and a desire had been expressed to have books and tracts in the Portuguese language. In France they had never had such facilities for the circulation of books and tracts as at the present time, and by a remarkable circumstance they had obtained access to the French army. Mr. Saffery then referred to India, and said that a large increase