

man Hall, Edward White, and J. G. Rogers, spoke in favour of it, several of them giving utterance to sentiments so warlike as to call forth a remonstrance from the chairman, who is a distinguished member of the Peace Society. Mr. Richard "admired the splendid services rendered by Mr. Gladstone," but he regarded the latter resolutions of Mr. Gladstone as full of danger, involving military occupation of Turkey. He could, however, give his hearty assent to the resolution proposed by Mr. Dale, so far as it protests against the crowning infamy of having to shed the blood of Englishmen in support of such an execrable system of government."

The resolution was carried unanimously, and the session was brought to a close by the Chairman pronouncing the benediction.

THE SCOTTISH CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The *Advance* (Glasgow) for May, gives a full account of the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Scotland, which was held the previous month in Aberdeen. The sessions were largely attended both by ministers and lay members, and the proceedings are described as "not only lively but enthusiastic," and pervaded by the spirit of brotherly love.

The programme for the morning of the first day (Tuesday, April 3rd) embraced a prayer meeting at 8 o'clock, the meeting of the Congregational Widows' Fund at 10, and of the Ministers' Provident Fund immediately afterwards; then the Chapel-building Fund; and lastly of the Total Abstinence Society—a pretty good morning's work, we should say! The afternoon was occupied with the Report of the Theological Hall, at 1 o'clock; the Annual Social Meeting of the Temperance Society at half past three; and the Annual Sermon before the Congregational Union, at 7 p.m.

THE WIDOWS' FUND,

which is in its 57th year, shows a considerable falling off in the receipts. Only 12 churches had sent collections. The capital, however, had nearly reached the £10,000 aimed at.

THE MINISTERS' PROVIDENT FUND

had been in operation 18 years, and possesses a capital of £6,316. The income for 1876-7, was £612, towards which 43 churches had subscribed. £500 had been paid to annuitants during the year.

THE CHAPEL BUILDING FUND

steadily increases. The capital for loans, which 8 years ago was only £400, is now over £2,600,—a result very largely due to the zeal and efficiency of the late Secretary, Mr. Granville. £555 had been loaned during the year. One-fourth of the Scottish Congregational churches had received assistance from the Fund.

THE TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

The tenth annual report says that "from seventy-eight returns that had been obtained, it was learned that 31 churches used alcoholic cordial at the communion service, and 39 churches non-alcoholic; 3 churches used sweet wine, 3 grape wine, and 1 alcoholic wine much diluted." An effort is being made to organize Bands of Hope in connection with all Congregational Sabbath Schools. From the report of

THE THEOLOGICAL HALL,

we learn that 4 students had finished their studies within the year, 10 applications