

Duke of Montrose, Lord Elecho, M. P.; Sir J. D. Elphinstone, M. P.; Sir James Ferguson, M. P.; Sir Charles McGregor, Mr. Black, M. P.; Mr. W. Miller, M. P.; Sheriff Lusk, the Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod, of Glasgow; Major-General Mathieson, &c. The noble Chairman, Dr. Macleod, and other speakers, bore testimony to the zeal and perseverance with which Professor Robertson devoted himself to the Endowment Scheme, and to the benefits which it has conferred on the country. More efficient ministers can be procured for permanent parochial charges than for chapels of ease, where the income is fluctuating and insecure; and the subdivision of very large parishes and disjunction of those which have been improperly united enable the ministers to discharge their duties in a more satisfactory manner. The disparity between the numbers of the population (which has increased with great rapidity within the last half-century,) and the scanty means of spiritual instruction at the disposal of the Church of Scotland, has thus been greatly lessened. Much, however, still remains to be done in the same direction; and the managers of the commemoration fund make an urgent appeal for subscriptions to complete the useful scheme of the late Dr. Robertson."

NATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND.

—A conversation was held on Tuesday night in the Queen's Rooms, in celebration of the union of the Glasgow Bible Society and the Glasgow Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society with the National Bible Society of Scotland. John Henderson, Esq., of Park, occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. Mr. Somerville, Rev. G. D. Cullen, Rev. Mr. Cochrane, Rev. Mr. M'Ewen, Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod, Rev. Dr. M'Taggart, Rev. Mr. Flindt, and others. An excellent tea was partaken of, served up with great elegance by Mr. Drummond Union Street. The Rev. Dr. M'Taggart opened the meeting with prayer; after which,

The Chairman said the occasion of their meeting was a very joyful one, and he trusted the present would be the beginning of many such meetings from time to time.

The Rev. Alex. M'Ewen addressed the meeting on "Our duty to hold forth, as well as to hold fast, the Word of Life."

The Rev. G. D. Cullen then addressed the meeting upon the subject of the "Encouragements to renewed and increased exertions in the present state of affairs abroad." He expressed his great pleasure at being present at this meeting of the United Societies of Glasgow, and the more so as he was able to announce that the Edinburgh Society was going to cast in its lot with this Society. After the union which had taken place, the name of John Henderson would long be honored and associated with the National Bible Society of Scotland. (Applause.)

The Rev. A. N. Somerville delivered an address upon "Scotland and Bible Circulation." He congratulated the meeting upon the announcement made by Mr. Cullen, and he had no doubt that with the blessing of God the United Society would now prosper exceedingly.

Dr. Norman Macleod next addressed the meeting, his topic being "Welcome to the societies which united with the National Bible Society, and Bible diffusion a bond of Christian Union."

After singing two verses of a Psalm, the meeting was addressed by

The Rev. G. K. Flindt, upon the "Importance of female agency in promoting the interests of Bible Societies, and in supplying the missing link for the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures."

The benediction was then pronounced, after which the meeting separated.

SYNOD OF MORAY.—This reverend Court met on Tuesday at Forres. The Rev. Mr. Macintosh of Rafford was elected moderator. On the motion of Mr. Duguid, an overture was adopted on religious tests in schools, requesting the Assembly to consider the matter, and call the attention of the public to the declaration of the mind of the Church in regard to education, as given forth in their testimony and protest contained in the 9th Act of Assembly 1849. Another overture was adopted praying the Assembly to adopt measures from relieving the members of the Elgin Presbytery personally from the extrajudicial expenses which had been incurred in the Elgin Academy Case. The expenses amounted to about £3000, £500 of which fell on the Elgin Presbytery.

THE DISPUTED SETTLEMENT AT DUNBLANE.—The proof in this case closed on Wednesday, when the Dunblane Presbytery were engaged in discussing a motion by the Rev. Mr. Smeaton, Tulliallan, to the effect that the court should refer the whole case *simpliciter* to the General Assembly, on the ground of the difficulties before them, the printed proof and sermons not being before them, &c. Mr. Jamieson replied that that course would be most convenient, but he thought it injudicious, as the Presbytery, from the very fact of the great labor they had devoted to the subject, were best able to decide it. After a long discussion Mr. Smeaton, on the representation of several members of Presbytery that his motion had taken them by surprise, agreed to its withdrawal in the meantime; and the rev. court shortly afterwards unanimously resolved to meet on Wednesday next to hear the sermons of the presentee, and on Thursday following to hear counsel for parties.

SYNOD OF FORFAR.—This body met at Arbroath on Tuesday. The only business of importance related to the Church Extension and Endowment Scheme. It was reported