

She has had, for some years, far too much the look of a fussy, blundering, prying and officious busy-body—meddling in other people's quarrels without any intention of rendering real service to any of the parties—snubbed by both, and her services accepted by each with scarcely concealed contempt. The government does not represent the people in this policy. The nation would like foreign powers left alone till matters reach a point when Britain is prepared not only to speak, but to fight. Mr. Disraeli pointed to the fact that the United States were civil in their correspondence with all other powers but Britain. Mr. Gladstone's correspondence concerning the Pope was also a weak affair. In his letter to Mr. Dease, he pledged the government for his "dignity." When called to account, the pledge came down to a guarantee of his "personal freedom." The manner of the disclaimer was also undignified. The Anglo-American Commission was also referred to in Parliament. The questions in dispute between the two countries are its business. Of these the fisheries are only one—and introduced as part of the general question—"lest the possible indiscretion of individuals may impair the neighbourly understanding." No wonder our people are interested in their fisheries! Valuable as our mining and agricultural interests are, they are as valuable. We only wish people were as willing to cultivate these advantages as to make political capital out of them. We hope that Nova Scotia will not pay the price of advantages to other countries without an equivalent in her own favor. The Commission, however, decides nothing finally.

THE DALKEITH HERESY CASE promises to assume larger dimensions. The Presbytery has recalled its favorable decision towards Mr. Ferguson. They consider his views contrary to the gospel. He is somewhat hazy in his statements, but seems to teach an offer of the gospel to all men in another world—contending that men have not had a fair probation. His views touch upon some of the most mysterious and difficult questions in God's moral government. The Presbytery began with a great deal of dogmatism, but they will have to treat the matter differently. It may turn out a

serious affair. Mr. Ferguson's attack, some years ago, upon Burns' celebrations, in which he was right, and stood up against the whole press of the United Kingdom, proved him to be an able and courageous man. His paper read to the Presbytery was a good specimen of acute cumulative argument.

WE have to lament the loss of Dr. Donald, one of the fathers of our Church. He was a man of a genial and kindly disposition—a minister who cultivated most friendly and affectionate relations with his people—a preacher whose sermons were characterised by ability and enlightened apprehensions of the scheme of salvation. He will be much missed in the community where he laboured, and in the courts of our Church. We mourn in hope, however; for, when the good die, it is to them "gain."

A. P.

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