

nothing new on a hackneyed subject, but may delay the accomplishment of the federal scheme. The discovery of so many valuable seams of coal in this neighborhood by enterprising men, promises to make this district one of the most flourishing in the North American Provinces. Already pit fires, seen burning in every direction, especially at night, might make a visitor to the East River of Picou imagine that he was in one of the great coal regions of the mother country.

REFORM is the absorbing topic in Britain, and processions of working-men at Glasgow and Kilmarnock have taken place. At these places, universal suffrage is the watchword. The Liberal party may make use of these indications to recover power, but they have no sympathy with such extreme views. The Glasgow procession was proved to amount to about 20,000, whereas Bright said, in his speech, that it reached 50 or even 60,000. Many persons advocate an income tax qualification, and it is hinted that the Government contemplate a scheme of that nature. There is much that is equitable in this proposal.

THE Union Committees of the Free and U. P. Churches have, as is known, referred the matters in dispute to the Presbyteries, continuing, at the same time, their own deliberations. Considerable difficulties are met with in effecting the proposed union. There is a strong party, headed by Dr. Gibson, against the measure. Judging from discussions at Presbytery meetings, the Free Church ministers object to any modification of the Sustentation-fund plan of support, any interference with Free Church schools, and the adoption of the theory of voluntarism. Drs. Forbes and Gibson object to the doctrine of the U. P. Church on the atonement, but, as Drs. Eadie and Johnstone shewed, very unfairly. Taking a calm view of the whole matter, the discussions, explanations and re-primations do not augur an early arrangement.—The heresy case of Mr. Smith, minister of the Free Tron, Glasgow, drags its slow length along. The proceedings of the Free Presbytery of Glasgow have been of a rather severe character. Drs. Hanna and Islay Burns, and Professor Douglas, agree in the main with him. At last meeting of Presbytery, Drs. Buchanan, Gibson and Forbes found that the intended victim had fled from them on a visit to Ireland; at which they were very indignant.—The disgraceful ritualism in some quarters of the English Church continues to attract attention.

It appears by the *B. and F. Record* that another missionary has been appointed to Cape Breton,—in which we perceive a fresh proof of the care of the Mother Church for our wants.

WE regret to observe the death of the lady of Col. Gray, of Inkerman House, P. E. I. She was a most amiable lady, and exhibited a most consistent and beautiful Christian

character. When last we saw her, she was engrossed in a benevolent enterprise for the removal of the debt of St. James' Church. We doubt not that she now receives the reward of her many benevolent and kind deeds, and that our loss is her gain. A. P.

**Sums received for the Ministers' Widows' Fund for the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia.**

*Collected by Mrs. John Graham, West River.*

Mrs. Donald Mackintosh,	£1 12 6
Edward Lydiard Mackintosh,	1 17 6
Mrs. Murdoch McKenzie,	10 0
Mrs. George McKenzie,	10 0
Hugh McKenzie,	5 0
Mrs. John Graham,	10 0
	£5 5 0

*Salt Springs, West River.*

Miss Margaret McKenzie,	£0 7 6
Mary Smith,	5 0
Margaret Smith,	5 0
Margaret McDonald,	4 0
Elizabeth Norrie,	2 6
Catherine Norrie,	2 6
Mary McKay,	2 6
Christy McKenzie,	2 6
Isabella Cameron,	1 3
Eppie Baillie,	1 3
Mary Short,	1 3
Margaret Fraser,	1 6
Katie E. McLeod,	1 3
Nancy McLean,	7 2
Christy McKenzie,	2 6
Nancy McKenzie,	1 10 3
Bella McKenzie,	1 3
Nellie McKenzie,	1 3
Mrs. G. H. Munro,	6 3
David Ross,	5 0
Murdoch McKenzie,	3 1 4
John Brown,	3 0
Hugh McKay,	2 6
Andrew Sutherland,	1 3
William Munro,	1 3
George McKay,	1 3
John Fraser,	1 6
Murdoch McLeod,	1 3
Donald Fraser,	1 3
William McDonald,	2 6
Duncan McKenzie,	1 3

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*Gairloch, &c.*

Miss Jane Sutherland,	£0 2 6
Isabella Sutherland,	1 9
Margaret McKay,	1 3
Elizabeth McKay,	1 3
Jane Sutherland,	1 3
Catherine Fraser,	1 3
Nancy Fraser,	1 3
Mary Fraser,	1 3
Nancy Sutherland,	1 3
Jane Sutherland,	1 3
Margaret Sutherland,	1 3