

service in an able and suitable manner. Dr. Macrae conducted the evening services with great acceptance. The voluntary collections are stated to exceed

P. E. ISLAND.

The issue of the *Daily Union* of July and August 25th last, references made to the saving of a little girl's life who had fallen into a well fifty-two feet deep—by Charles A. Holman, at the cost of his own life; and that Judge Young had called the attention of the Royal Humane Society, "of England to this heroic Deed.

On the 23rd. Sept. last, Judge Young received a letter from J.W. Home, Esq., Secretary, with a printed form, requesting full particulars of the rescue. Having been duly forwarded by the Secretary and proving satisfactory, the Society on the 23rd Oct., have awarded to Charles A. Holman a BRONZE MEDAL, and Judge Young had much pleasure in presenting to the recipient last Thursday evening and modestly acknowledging it. This we believe is the first Medal awarded to a Prince Edward Islander, so far as we know, by the R.H. Society.

CANADA.

MR. HILL ON THE KIRK.

The second lecture of the series on the Church of Scotland was delivered in St. Andrew's church on Wednesday evening last. Rev. J. Edgar Hill, the topic being the Church of Scotland; an Endowed Church.

The lecturer began: It has been a common taunt hurled at the members of the Church of Scotland by its opponents: "The Church of Scotland is an institution, like the army and navy, paid on the same terms for its services."

The assertion is utterly false, and the grossest ignorance could be put forth of it. Nevertheless it is the result of the disestablishment movement, and, as promoted by politicians, lawyers and a certain section of the press at the present time. Mr. Joseph Sturge, the Radical leader, has been advocating, recently, that free education and disestablishment must be the basis of the Radical platform. The

one he offers as a bribe to the masses for their electoral support, and the other is the handiest way of providing the necessary funds to liquidate his offer. He assumes that the church has no patrimony but what the state allows her, and that the hand that provides can, at any moment, withdraw its provision. The assumption is false, and, therefore, the proposed legislation on the basis of it cannot but be unrighteous. The Church of Scotland is an endowed church; but no act of the Legislature can be produced endowing her. All the revenues have come through the pious gifts of her loyal sons and daughters, extending over a period of more than a thousand years. At the Reformation Knox proposed that the Kirk's patrimony should be divided into three parts—one to go to the support of the clergy and the maintenance of church fabrics, another to the education of the young, and the third to the care of the poor. But the cupidity of the barons, many of whom apparently joined the reforming cause for no other reason but to get a share of the plunder, utterly thwarted the execution of the plan.

Ultimately, between the rapacity of the nobles and the avarice of the Crown, two-thirds of the patrimony of the church, which was hers by a title better than that by which most of the lords held their broad acres and as good as that by which the monarch wore the crown, was swallowed up and only one-third was left for her threefold necessities. With as much of that third as she could secure, the church undertook to make provision for the spiritual wants of every district in the land, she founded the parish school system which has been the admiration of the civilized world, and she assumed the care of the poor. Up to the middle of this century she fulfilled those responsibilities without costing the country a penny and the costly school board and poor law systems which now press so heavily on the nation are the fruits of dissent whose great function for half a century has been to cripple and destroy the Church of Scotland no matter what comes of the country. But the church does not depend solely on her ancient benefactors. Within little more than half a century she has built and endowed churches at an outlay of over