

Mountain and River John. Prince Edward Island wants a missionary or two. Pugwash has been left without ministerial services. There are other smaller stations, which would grow rapidly if they got fair play. But they get no chance at all.

The Rev. Mr. McKay of Salt Springs has been sent to Scotland by the Presbytery of Pictou to endeavor to secure the services of two or three suitable missionaries. What chance he may have of success, we cannot tell, but we will soon know. But whether he succeed or fail, we must be up and doing. If it should be found impossible to obtain men from the mother country, there is but one way left. But, thank God, it is a sufficient way—a way certain of success if we set our hearts upon it—the rearing of a native ministry.

#### THE AMERICAN WAR.

A SAD commentary on the Christianity of the age and country. We have entered upon the second month of a new year, and we find the distracted country plunged in deeper horrors than ever. The battle of Fredericksburg was the last blow of the departing year. Since that time, an equally bloody battle has been fought in Tennessee, in which, while the Federals were victorious, they suffered by far the greatest loss in killed, wounded, prisoners, and guns. Vicksburg has been attacked, and a bloody repulse sustained, by the North, with a heavy loss of men and material. Galveston has been re-captured by the South, who have taken one gun-boat and destroyed another—viz., the "Harriet Lane" and "Westfield." There has been fighting in Arkansas with uncertain results. The Alabama continues her depredations. The famous Monitor has foundered at sea. The Commander of the great Army of the Potomac has resigned, and, to crown all, the currency of the country is in a state of utter confusion. The people are weary of the war, yet they will not say so, but continue to disgrace themselves by making a hero of such men as General Butler. May the time soon come when the sword shall be sheathed, and the dove of peace rest once more on the Capitol of Washington!

#### THE FRENCH EMPEROR AND THE POPE.

THESE two worthies after a long estrangement seem to be drawing a little nearer to

each other. His Holiness has forwarded a modest contribution, with a complimentary note, in aid of the suffering workmen of Lyons and other places. The act in itself is a commendable act, but it indicates far more than it does. It tells Victor Emmanuel that political matters have taken a turn, and that Rome is not for Italy, for some time to come.

#### GREECE.

GREECE is but a small country, not a very great deal larger than Nova Scotia. But the Greeks are a remarkably lively people, restless, plotting, clever exceedingly. They have lately sent their sovereign about his business, with wonderful unanimity, and with the same unanimity, have invited our youthful Prince Alfred to accept the vacant seat. With great good sense, Her Majesty's Government have declined the distinguished offer with thanks, and from a feeling of gratitude, we suppose, for the compliment, have proposed to surrender the protectorate of the Ionian Isles, which proposal has pleased the Ionians vastly.

#### A SUGGESTIVE FACT.

IN one of the city Churches of Perth, Scotland, the circulation of the *Home Record* was 15. The Young Men's Society belonging to the Church took the matter in hand, and in a couple of weeks the number taken by the same congregation amounted to 300. We wonder whether there are any Young Men's Societies in connection with our congregations. If there are, the above fact will require no application. If there are not, we would say—organize to-morrow, lose not an hour. The strength of a Church lies in its young men.

THE article on Bishop Colenso's Book in our next.

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