scheme is in a more satisfactory condition financially than it has been for several years. We may here state that the return as given in the editorial correspondence of the *Presbyterian Witness* as to the amount received by our Church in this Province out of that scheme is incorrect. The Rev. Mr. Stewart of Halifax, instead of receiving £150 a year from the Committee, has not drawn during the last two years more than about a third of that sum.

We have in the Province of Nova Scotia, every prospect of an abundant and early crop, which will go far, we trust, to make up for the suffering and destitution of the late winter. The gold-fields upon the whole continue to yield well, large amounts being taken from some claims, while others, and probably the great majority yield little or nothing. £1000 in one day to a single company—"the Chebucto,"—is a fair revenue. There cannot be a doubt that much of the quartz is far richer than the average either of Australia or California.

The war in the States of America is deepening and darkening. The infamous proclamation of General Butler with regard to the ladies of New Orleans as still further intensified, if that were possible, the exasperation of the South. It has kindled a feeling of indignation, throughout both England and France, and well it might, for it is a stain upon our common civilisation. There has been severe fighting in front of Charleston and Richmond, and while we write, a telegram informs us of a bloody battle fought near the latter place on the 27th of June, with immense slaughter on both sides. The North claim the victory but confess to the loss of 10 guns, and that nearly every infantry officer has been killed or wounded. Such a state of things is awful to contemplate, and ought not to be permitted to last. The suffering of England and France is great, and the whisper of an armed intervention is becoming louder. Indeed, we question whether these two countries would suffer to the same extent were war to be declared to-morrow, while it is certain that hostilities under such an eventuality could not last long.

The Great Exhibition which is the leading fact in Europe, is, we are glad to find, likely to be quite as successful as the last. The largest number which has visited it on a single day being 58,000, yielding a revenue of nearly £3000.

DIED, at the Manse, Belfast, P. E. Island, on Saturday, 28th ult., Sarah, beloved wife of the Rev. Alexander McLean, Minister of Belfast, and youngest daughter of the late William Matheson, Esq., of West River, Pictou.

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