

for misrepresentation to go further than some of the passages regarding the Established Church of Scotland. It stated that less than one-third of the total Presbyterians of Scotland belonged to the Established Church, while as a matter of fact they had a majority of 125,000 communicants over the Free Church and the United Presbyterians put together. (Cheers). The increase of the Established Church of Scotland could be proved by figures that could not be contradicted. More people were married in the Established Church than in the two other Presbyterian bodies put together; and while the population of Scotland in the ten years 1873-84 increased by 124 per cent., the membership of the Established Church increased by more than 26 per cent. (Cheers). They all remembered the storm raised a few years ago by the introduction of a Disestablishment Bill for Scotland. In 1885, when they expected Mr. Gladstone to take up Scottish Disestablishment as an election cry, they canvassed Mid-Lothian on the subject. Out of 11,290 voters on the register they found 10,977 persons, and of them 7500 were in favor of the Church. (Loud cheers). Giving the other side all doubtful votes, they had 69 per cent. in their favor. That was the only constituency they canvassed, but he had no doubt what was the general feeling. (Cheers). The Scottish Defence Society did not ask their English friends for money or for help, but they asked the English members of Parliament to neutralise in the House of Commons the vote of the English Liberatorists. (Cheers). The motion was agreed to.—*The Scotsman*, July 5th, of Edinburgh.

OUR OWN CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

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PICTOU ITEMS.—*From the Standard*.—The Summer School of Science, of which Principal A. H. McKay is president, will meet in Pictou next summer. We hope Pictou will give the members as good a reception as they got in Wolfville this season.

DR. KELLY, Montreal, in the course of his speech at the Y. M. C. A. Convention, remarked:—"Why, look at Pictou County alone, which has produced more great men than any tract of equal extent in the world."

Pictou county has produced another great athlete. In a recent hammer-throwing contest in New York between Duncan C. Ross and John A. McDougall, the latter beat his opponent by two feet. Ross was previously

champion of the world in throwing the hammer. McDougall was born in Blue Mountain, Pictou Co., N. S., and is about 27 years old. He is of fine personal appearance, stands 5 feet 10 inches in height, and weighs about 180. He is a machinist by occupation and has worked at his trade in Boston for the past two years. In company with some professional runners he will visit the provinces this fall, and probably take part in the annual games in Pictou and Charlottetown.

DIED.—At Stornoway, Scotland, 8th ult., Harriet Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Morrison, Lloyd's Agent, etc., and daughter of the late Rev. Kenneth John Mackenzie, Pictou.

At Seaside, Cape John, on the 27th July, after a lingering and painful illness, which he bore with patience and Christian resignation, James McD. McMillan, son of the late Finlay McMillan, of Churchville, E. R., aged 58 years.

WESTVILLE.—The Presbytery of Egerton met in St. Philip's Church on the 12th. Rev. Mr. McMillan presiding, and heard the representatives of both congregations in their own behalf absent the Rev. Mr. Dunn's demission of his charge. A very excellent spirit was shown on all sides, and it was clear that neither Stellarton nor Westville was willing to part with the Rev. Mr. Dunn as their pastor. All agreed, however, that he was entitled to an extended holiday season in his native land, after his sixteen years of most arduous and successful ministrations in his present charge. Stirring addresses were made by the members of Presbytery; and after full enquiry and mature deliberation, the Presbytery unanimously agreed that the demission be not accepted, but that the Rev. Mr. Dunn have three months' leave of absence to refresh himself with his friends in Scotland, and to arrange for additional Ministers thence for our vacancies. The meeting was an admirable one, and we hope to welcome Rev. Mr. Dunn back in due time, with excellent young clergymen in his train. We hear that Westville intends to claim Rev. Mr. Dunn exclusively for St. Philip's Church on his return, and that Stellarton is equally loyal and zealous.

STELLARTON, &c.—St. John's Church Sunday School held their annual picnic, on Wednesday. The scholars and parents met at 2 o'clock. The ladies as usual were ready, and did their part nobly. After tea was served, the Superintendent, Mr. James Macdonald, intimated that the ladies of the congregation, hearing that Mrs. Dunn was to accompany Mr. Dunn on a trip to their native Scotland, determined not to let the present opportunity