

British Association for the advancement of Science, at its meeting at Montreal, attracted much attention at the time, and has since been very highly spoken of by high authorities. His advocacy of Spelling Reform, too, has made that subject a live question. At home, the splendid work done by the Academy is so well known that brief reference need only be made to it. The Academy to-day holds a most enviable position among the institutions of its kind in Canada, and much of that is due to the hard work of the Principal.—*Standard*.

K. J. McQuarrie, son-in-law of Mr. Pringle of this town, was presented with a handsome gold watch, charm and chain.—so says the *Morning Oregonian* of May 26th—by his late employers, Messrs. Corbitt & Macleay, on the eve of his departure for Spokan Falls to engage in business with W. D. Plantz. Mr. McQuarrie is a Pictonian, and was in the employ of Corbitt & Macleay as cashier for nine years, during which time over fifteen million dollars passed through his hands without a single cent of discrepancy in his accounts. Hence the flattering testimonial. Pictou boys are noted for this kind of business.

Miss Anne A. Stewart, B. Sc., of Dalhousie College, Halifax, has been appointed by the trustees of Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, to a mathematical fellowship of that college for the academic year 1886-7. Bryn Mawr is a college for ladies, and the mathematical fellowship is open to lady graduates of all colleges. Miss Stewart is a daughter of the late Rev. Murdoch Stewart, of Whycocomagh, C.B., and a sister of Dr. John Stewart, of Pictou, a noted surgeon.

CAMBRIDGE HOUSE SCHOOL, HALIFAX.—The closing exercises and distribution of prizes at Mrs. Dashwood's school for young ladies took place on the 22nd ult. The day and boarding scholars numbered some sixty or thereabouts, and a large gathering of the relatives and friends of the pupils made up a picture, once seen, to be long remembered. The fresh pretty faces and tasteful costumes of the young ladies, together with the perfect manner in which they performed the various parts assigned to them, elicited many expressions of admiration. The drawing-rooms of "Cambridge House" never looked brighter and prettier on any former occasion of a similar nature, and the principal, Mrs. Dashwood, well merited the encomiums called forth by the most creditable exhibition of the varied acquirements of her pupils. The musical portion of the programme, comprising vocal and instrumental solos, duets, quartettes, and choruses, was well carried out. The readings, recitations, French, and indeed all the

several branches of study, were marked with equal accuracy, and above all by a tone of refinement which we need scarcely say is so essential a feature in the instruction of the young. All present were delighted not only with the proficiency displayed by the young ladies, but even more with the evident careful training, system and order, and, better still, with the elevated tone which pervaded the whole proceedings of the school, and which have always been the distinguishing characteristics of Mrs. Dashwood's seminary. We need not say how valuable such an institution is to a community, and with how much confidence parents can commit their daughters into such hands. The prizes, which were very numerous and many of them very valuable, were presented by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, His Worship the Mayor, Rev. Dr. Currie, Rev. Messrs. Cattinach and Murray, Dr. Trenaman, P. Lynch, Esq., and the Principal. Miss Lillian Grant was the gold medallist, and Misses Mattie Romans and Millie Stayner the silver medallists. Miss Effie Putnam was awarded a gold medal by Mr. McKay for excellence in calisthenics. With some closing remarks by Mrs. Dashwood, in which she observed that during the whole year there had not been a single instance of sickness in the house, the interesting proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.—The School will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd.

#### P. E. ISLAND.

The Lord's Supper is to be dispensed at Birch Hill on July 4th inst.; and at DeSable on July 11th. The Synod has appointed the Rev. Mr. Dunn and the Rev. Mr. McMillan as a deputation in behalf of our loyal and beloved people in P. E. Island.

The Elections took place on June 30th, and gave no comfort to the Repeal agitators. The Island seems prosperous and contented.

#### OLD CANADA.

The Synod of the Church of Scotland met this year at Lancaster, Ont., on Tuesday. The retiring moderator, Rev. John Gillies of Eldon, preached an able and eloquent sermon from Nehemiah iv: 6, "So built we the wall." The Synod was then constituted by prayer, and the Rev. C. B. Ross of Lancaster was appointed unanimously to be Moderator for the current year. The clerk intimated a bequest by the late Archibald D. Campbell, of Roxburgh, to be applied to university purposes as the Synod may think best. The Rev. J. Edgar Hill, of Montreal, was appointed the Synod's delegate to the Church of Scotland in the Lower Pro-