

their part? The "command" was, that they should wait *the promise* of their Father, and they had no authority for any other work than prayer, until they should be qualified by the Holy Ghost to be witnesses for Him. But, if this were to be the lesson for the guidance of the Church in the election of pastors, why not follow it entirely as in verses 23-26. And besides, it should be remembered that apostles were present, as well as ordinary members. While we hold that there is no decisive grounds in Scripture for elevating the voice of the people, as has been claimed in the election of ministers of the Word, we find very definite instructions given *after* the day of Pentecost, in regard to the right of the Church members or adherents to select those who should preside in the secular affairs of the Church.—Acts vi. But, while no such explicit authority is given to the people, to choose their guides in matters spiritual, there are many passages, of no-doubtful import, enjoining the Churches to receive those who are sent by the constitutional authorities to be teachers and rulers in things appertaining to the kingdom of God. In this, we have the clear and decisive lessons of the great Teacher and His Apostles. Whereas we feel most confident that nothing serves so much and so generally to weaken the influence of ministers for good, in the Protestant Churches, as this upholding of the will and judgment of the people, to the disparagement of those who are constituted of God to "rule and teach,"—nothing so much leads to regard "the Word spoken" as that of man, not "as the Word of God,"—nothing leads so much to schisms, and meaningless discussions, and ultimately to the rejection of all Church authority, and to listen to the Word preached in the spirit of arrogant judges, rather than that of humble learners.

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A Good Example.

In the Report of the Pictou Auxiliary Bible Society, of February last, is the acknowledgment of £30, from the legacy of the late William Graham, junr., of the Salt Springs congregation, who died five years ago, after several months of much suffering, which he bore with patient resignation to the Divine will, during which time he was manifestly making much progress in the knowledge, love and fear of God: at length he confidently fell asleep in Jesus, in the hope of a glorious resurrection and blessed immortality. The deceased had spent some years in the United States, where he acquired some means by the sweat of his brow, in the exercise of prudence and carefulness. He returned to his parental home in sickness, and resolved to give three or four times the sum specified above to the Bible Society, but was dissuaded by his exhorters (not his relatives), and, advised to

appropriate the rest of his means to other purposes. May many who have equal opportunities, in their native land or abroad, learn from this noble example, and, in the spirit of Him who declares that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," bestow their means in the same manner, for the circulation of the Word of God, believing that as they sow so shall they reap.

Dalhousie College Prize List.

LAST year we called attention to the prizemen of Dalhousie College, and it is only just that we should do so again. The most distinguished students this year were Shaw, Ross, Bayne, McNaughton, Cameron, Gordon, and Crichton. Of those, Shaw and Cameron are from Prince Edward Island, Crichton from the city of Halifax, and the rest, we believe, from Pictou County. Mr. Robert Shaw maintained this session the proud pre-eminence he gained last year. Mr. Herbert Bayne, the son of the Rev. Dr. Bayne of Pictou, has distinguished himself very highly this year in every branch of study, proving himself a student that would do credit to any College. On the whole, the progress made was so satisfactory as to fully justify the praise of His Excellency, and here, as usual, Pictou has no cause to blush at the position she holds in the prize list.

Fictionians abroad.

We observe from the *Glasgow Herald*, that at the annual distribution of prizes which took place lately in the University of Glasgow, not fewer than four young men from the county of Pictou carried off high honors, viz.: Mr. D. M. Gordon, son of William Gordon, Esq., of this town, three prizes—one for Hebrew, one in Ecclesiastical History, and one for Biblical Criticism. Mr. Gordon also carried a twenty guinea Bursary by competitive examination. Mr. Finlay McDonald, East River, a prize in Natural Philosophy for observations on Electrostatic Measurements. Mr. John Campbell, of Merigomish, for an essay on Voltaic Batteries; and Mr. Peter Melville, of Cape John, for general excellence in English Literature. All these young men were educated at Pictou Academy, which has, if we are not mistaken, sent forth more students who have gained distinction at the higher seats of learning at Home than any other Academical Institution in the Lower Provinces.—*Standard*.

CONSCIENCE.—It is that inseparable glory or that inseparable shame which every soul hath, according to the quality of that which is deposited in it.—*Barnard*.