

disease brought him to the brink of the grave, no hopes of recovery being entertained during that winter. In addition to the fatherly and pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Lochead, of North Gower, he was visited at different times by brethren of the Ottawa Presbytery. These tokens of consideration and brotherly love were highly prized. He spoke freely and fully of his completeness in Christ, and his hope of the glory of God. Spring came, and again he rallied, and again speculated on the influences of a warmer climate, and of doing work for the Master; but another change came, and the end hastened. It was peaceful, hopeful and happy. From the plenteous harvest one worker in the midst of his days has passed away, whose kindly voice still lingers in the ears of many of our people, whose gentle manner is still impressed on their hearts.

In the disposal of his books and papers, and the means under his control, he specially remembered Knox College and Foreign Missions, by setting apart forty dollars for each. May the Lord of the harvest thrust forth many laborers into his harvest.

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The pages of the RECORD have recently contained several notices of the removal of valuable men from spheres of usefulness, which they have occupied creditably to themselves and beneficially for others, and some of them were honored to take a prominent part in the formation of the Canada Presbyterian Church. While it is gratifying to think that they have, after "enduring hardness," rested from their labours; yet when we think of their devotion and energy in prosecuting their work in the vineyard of the Lord, and consider how difficult it is to get their places supplied, we feel disposed to cry with the Psalmist, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth!" A brief space in the RECORD is solicited for another notice of the kind referred to, both as a tribute to departed worth, and as calculated, it is to be hoped, to stimulate and encourage those still in the field of Christian labour, or coming forward to enter it. We allude to William Dunbar, Esq., an early settler in the Township of Pickering, over thirty years an elder, and the father of the respected minister of Glenmorris. Mr. Dunbar was a native of the parish of Laurencekirk, Scotland, where he early acquired with his father the trade of millwright, but being of an enterprising spirit he removed southward in early life, first to St. Andrews, and after some years to Largo, where for many years he carried on his business and acquired a well-earned reputation for skill and efficiency in his department. Business could not become with him, however, a thing of routine; he could not plod on from year to year in his work simply as it had been learned. Possessed of superior mechanical talent, he sought to improve himself by extensive reading and study, and succeeded to a degree quite remarkable for one whose time seemed completely occupied by active mechanical labours. He attained an accurate acquaintance with the leading departments of natural Philosophy, and possessed a certificate from one of the highest scientific authorities of Britain, the late Sir John Leslie, bearing testimony to his superior mechanical talents, and to his qualification for the various departments of practical engineering. With such acquirements, uncommon mental and physical energy and great self-reliance, he was specially qualified for working his way in the world. He was not content to know all that belonged to his own department. He "intermeddled with