

anxiously to the approaching harvest. At this moment prospects are hopeful; but the fairest hopes may be blasted within a day. The fruit of our fields, like every other good gift, is in the hands of the Lord.

Obituary.

MR. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, died on the 20th ult., after an illness of some weeks, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. He came from Scotland to Canada in his early manhood and has resided ever since in this neighbourhood. For the last 27 years he has served as a ruling elder in the First Church, Port Hope. Throughout life he maintained a walk and conversation in accordance with his position in the Church, securing thereby the esteem of the community at large, as well as that of those over whom he ruled in the Lord. He died peaceful, leaving behind him a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

MR. ANGUS MCKAY, elder in Knox Church, Beaverton and South Mara, died on the 25th of April, aged 78 years. He was a native of Sutherlandshire, Scotland.

MR. WARREN DEBECK, elder in the congregation of New Westminster, British Columbia, died on the 26th of June. He came to this Province from Richmond, N.B., in 1868, and was 36 years of age. He was very highly respected and esteemed wherever known, and was a most consistent and useful member and office-bearer.

MR. ALEXANDER GORDON, Ingersol, died on the 24th ultimo. He was born in the Parish of Rogart, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1809. In 1847 he emigrated to Canada and settled in Ingersol in 1850. He was elected an elder of Knox Church in the same year and for 34 years has been faithful and zealous in the discharge of the duties of his sacred office, taking an active interest in presbytery work, as also in the cause of temperance and of the Bible Society.

MR. JAMES BOYD, for many years elder in the Kendal congregation, died on the 17th April in Toronto, where he removed last year and united with Erskine Church. He was a willing and efficient Sabbath-school superintendent and office-bearer for many years.

MY LORD'S MONEY.—An English lord died lately, worth twenty millions sterling. This vast accumulation of wealth was a "talent" committed to Lord Overstoun by the great Lord and Owner of all. One can imagine ways innumerable in which the possessor of such wealth could advance the best interests of mankind and the glory of God. One gift of twelve thousand pounds is on record to the credit of the wealthy man above named,—that and nothing else. It is easy to censure *him*! Had you been in his place, how different the account of your stewardship! How easily you would have parted with magnificent donations, to relieve distress and to send forth the Gospel! Yes, no doubt. But how are you using the share of the Lord's money which is under your control? Mighty results flow from small beginnings. Your dollar given with a loyal and loving heart may do incalculable good. If you keep it back because you cannot afford to give more, you wrong your own soul and you rob God of His share. We are not called upon to sit in judgment on others, be they rich or poor. But we are to examine ourselves and honestly judge our own conduct. The man who earns his dollar a day has to give account of it to the Lord as truly as the owner of twenty millions sterling.

Widow's mite or water cup
To Thee, Lord, in Thine eyes
Is as precious in Thine eyes
As the costliest sacrifice.

WHAT educated heathen say about missionary preaching is worth listening to sometimes. One of them said not long since to an English judge in India: "Only once have I been really improved by the preaching of a *padre*. He spoke to us in our own language, used illustrations taken from our daily life, and said nothing against Vishnu, or Siva, or Luchmee, or any of the gods, but only that we must worship God and be good and holy men and women. * * * Then he taught us how to pray. I shall never forget that *padre*."

THE Free Church of Scotland is about building a missionary college at Bombay, which shall be in one aspect of it a noble monument to the memory and labors of the late Dr. Wilson.