

forwarded the balance due. If only *all* who are in arrears would do likewise, it would be very encouraging to the Board. It would be well that those who intend doing so should see to it at once, as the accounts to be submitted to the Synod must be closed next month. It should also be borne in mind that the Synod enjoins *Presbyteries* to transmit the amounts apportioned them to the Chairman of the Board, on or before the 15th April. A great deal depends upon the action taken by *Presbyteries* in this matter. If the Sustentation Fund is supported *con amore* by the *Presbytery*, its success is certain, otherwise, it is almost certain to prove a failure. It is the greatest work ever undertaken by the Church, and worth its best efforts. It cannot be carried out by any one agent. There ought to be an agent in each *Presbytery*, charged with the special oversight of this thing, and that agent should be the most energetic minister in the *Presbytery*, or elder, for why should not our laymen consecrate a little of their time and talent to business of this kind? We are quite sure nothing will ever *pay* them better—if that is what they most desire.

We have to acknowledge receipt of five dollars from "Glenclog" which have been applied in the manner directed.

IN MEMORIAM.

With deep regret we record the death of the late John Wright, Esq., Elder of the Church of Scotland in Brockville. Deceased was born in Fochabers, Morayshire, Scotland, September 13th, 1807, and emigrated to this country in August, 1832. He occupied several positions of high trust, and on one occasion received a very valuable gift in token of his fidelity. He was ordained an elder in 1861, and died in the 64th year of his age, much respected in the community in which he moved.

At the funeral Mr. Gillivray, the pastor spoke as follows:—"Might I not here be pardoned were I to make, as I shall not, more than a momentary reference to the principles of his life, whose mortal remains we are now about to carry, in solemn procession, to the city of the dead. In him as a citizen and husband and father and friend, there were manifested many loveable qualities of heart and life without envy, without ostentation. Unambitious of ornament or honour, his character presents a good specimen of Christian candour and

simplicity. Whether abroad amongst his fellow citizens, or at the head of his family at home, whether engaged in the discharge of public, or of private duty, whether sitting in the session, or in the sacred seat of the sanctuary every Lord's day, he was always the same; his praiseworthy punctuality ever followed him in matters sacred as well as secular; seldom if ever was he absent from the service of God's house, setting in this a noble example to the congregation of which he was made an overseer, as well as to the family and friends whom he has left to mourn his loss. Yet what I am saying is not that, while in the body, he had attained or was already perfect; not that he was free from those infirmities, sins and besetting sins, which weigh down our common humanity, but that through the grace which was made sufficient for him he was enabled to overcome and make these revolve around the power of an inner life whose central and controlling principles were humbleness, pureheartedness, love and faith, simple but strong, in the blood of his Redeemer. With these living undying principles may we not well hope that to him death and the after judgment were but the gates of entrance into those many mansions of the Father's house, in which there are fulness of joy and pleasures for evermore. It is only such hope as this, well grounded, and not riches or any worldly greatness, that can in the crisis of final separation bring any true calm and comfort to bereaved and breaking hearts.

It is only when in the possession of such knowledge that the mourning widow can out of the depths of a consciousness and confidence deeper even than her sorrow, say "Return unto thy rest O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee." Some satisfaction there is in the sympathy of friends and scenes such as this vast concourse presents, but not in these, away from these does the sorrowing spirit find any satisfying rest, like the wearied heart-stricken dove that could find no rest for the sole of its foot away from the ark, so the soul in the trying emergency of final severance from a loved one, seeks to take refuge and rest in God, in the ark which he for safety from the overwhelming flood has built up for it out of such thoughts and truths as this: "As in Adam all die, so in Christ are all made alive again." And here comes in the well grounded hope, and the gratitude for victory felt in the case of a Christian's death, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us