

stock. From there in 1888 he was sent to First Methodist Church, and would have completed his term of service had he lived until June next.

His coming among the people of the First Methodist Church was not of his own choice; another had been called and Mr. Laird was placed in a somewhat embarrassing position when the conference thought it best to send him. His first sermon stamped him as a man full of manliness and character, and he was warmly welcomed. Soon all learned to love him and his two and a half years of service have been most pleasant, the congregation heartily inviting him to remain at the close of each year. The church has prospered under his charge as may be seen by the improvements that have been made in and about the building and in connection with the services. A short time ago he accepted a call to the Methodist Church, Dundas, and would have gone there next June. He was recognized wherever he went as a man of ability, a fact which is attested by the number of times he has been made chairman of the districts he has been in, by his fellow clergymen.

As a man, Mr. Laird was sociable, and was therefore a favorite among his brethren. He was plain and straightforward in his speech and an able orator. He had often said he thought he would die suddenly.

In 1860 he was married to Miss Burke, of Cobourg, who survives him. Four of their children are also liv-