

at all prejudiced against the hymns, but was quite willing to help on children's day as far as he was able, and was always interested in hearing beautiful hymns. Mr. Stewart was a member of the Kenyon Deacon's Court for a number of years, and treasurer of the congregation from 1886 to 1890. In 1895, on the death of his father, he was elected his successor in the eldership, an office which he filled in a very conscientious and intelligent manner.

On Sabbath, the 12th of August, the congregation of Knox Church, Beaverton, assembled for morning service, to listen for the last time to their Pastor the Rev. A. C. Wishart, B.A., who in a marked degree had secured the affection and esteem of his flock. About to be left without an under Shepherd, he preached a most comforting sermon from Psalm 91, and 1. The Lord's Supper was also dispensed, 12 new members being added to the roll. Of the evening service the Express says:—Rarely has Knox Church been so largely attended as it was last Sunday evening, by those anxious to listen to the Rev. A. C. Wishart's farewell discourse. Speaking from the words, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," Mr. Wishart preached one of those practical and forcible discourses that all had come to expect from him. Direct in his method of appeal, Mr. Wishart has few of the purely external graces of oratory, but what his sermons lack in ephemeral polish, they make up in the conviction they carry to the mind, and the conscience of the hearer. It is this air of absolute conviction combined with freshness of thought and breadth of outlook that enabled Mr. Wishart to secure so lasting a hold on the affections of the community hereabout. Especially was his influence noticeable for good upon the youthful element, few young men of whatever demonstration that are not the better for his strong, vigorous and manly stand on questions in which moral worth constitutes the creation of judgment. It would be useless, for him to affect indifference at parting with the members of his present congregation. The years he had spent in Beaverton had brought to him the greatest joy of his life and had also been the scene of his most consuming grief. Small wonder then that he should always link back upon his Beaverton experience with mingled feeling. While the congregation was leaving the church, Mr. Wishart stood in the main entrance, shook hands with each one individually wishing them a prosperous future, and accenting their final words of regret over his removal.

#### MONTREAL.

On Thursday last the Secretary of the Presbyterian Union organized a new mission at Tetreaultville, Longue Point, which gives promise of speedy growth. There is no school building or church of any kind in the new village, which has a history of only about two years. There are about forty English families, however, and all are anxious for church ordinances and schools for their children. A service conducted by Rev. P. Walker, of Maisonneuve, in the afternoon, has been attended by some fifty persons, and a Sabbath school of between 30 and 40 has been organized. The following were appointed a Board of Management and Building Committee: Mr. H. B. Smith, chairman, and Messrs. Albert Clarke, James Cook, G. Jones, and S. A. Cudlow, secretary. Three trustees were also nominated to receive and hold a church site presented by Mr. Tetreault, viz., Messrs. Clarke, Jas. Cook and Arthur Chastan. The Presbyterian Union will foster the cause and help to the necessary equipment of the mission. Rev. Daniel Paterson, D.D., of Lacbute, is moderator pro tem of the vacant congregation there, and will receive communications from any persons desiring to preach before the congregation.

#### WHY DON'T THE PASTOR CALL?

Have you ever asked it? You have been sick for weeks, or some member of the family has been, and yet your pastor has not called. You have thought it strange and been inclined to feel that he has neglected you—possibly have let him see that you felt so. You think that he should at least have missed you from your place, and made inquiry, or come to hunt you up. Perhaps he might, but did your physician come without being summoned? Did you take any steps to let your pastor know that you were ill, and wanted him? He might have missed you from your place, but were you always regular when well, and should your absence of necessity mean that there was need for his attention? But, if it should, remember that there are scores besides yourself, possibly hundreds, in the church each Sabbath, and that it is not the easiest thing for a pastor to tell just who was present or absent for any two consecutive Sundays, unless some special thing brings it to his notice. Not being sure, he takes for granted that the "members" are there, and gives his attention to the others. It may easily happen that one or another may be absent even for weeks, and attention not be attracted to it unless there is raised the direct question of presence or absence.

But again, again, that the absence has been noted, and it is known that the indisposition is not of a serious nature, why should he take time for a visit, unless it was thoroughly convenient? Did you ever think of the thousand and one things which occupy a pastor's time? There are sermons and prayer-meeting talks to be prepared—something that shall be now and shall interest every time, and there are meetings and committees claiming time. There are involved interruptions that come just when he has settled work, breaking off a train of thought that it may take hours to re-min, though the actual time may have been but a few minutes. Or these may prevent a necessary trip for which another opportunity may not occur in a long while. A severe case of illness, or some special circumstance may, day after day, take a pastor in a direction that makes impossible calls that he recognizes as important and which he wishes to save. A hundred or more families, and many hundred of individuals, all have some claim on his time, yet each one feels his claim the strongest, and wonders that the pastor does not recognize that claim at once. Have you thought of it in this light before you asked the question why your pastor has not called?

There is no pastor worthy the name who will not gladly answer any call where his services are needed, but he cannot be expected to know of the need without being informed of it. There is no occult power which enables him to feel the ills and wishes of his people. Each day holds for him, just as for others, a certain number of hours and minutes available for the work which is to be done, and the reason why the pastor does not call will most generally be found in just those facts. Pastors are human like the rest of men, and bound by the same limitations. If you are tempted to wonder at some seeming slight, remember these things, and the slight may disappear.—Lutheran Observer.

There is no local paper in the Ottawa Valley that better serves its constituency than the *Almonte Gazette*, founded some forty years ago, by the Hon. Wm. Tompkins, now minister of Inland Revenue. Its present conductors know how to get up a newsy paper. The last issue contains about twenty columns of carefully edited local items.

To come to the end of a long life in peace, with a good conscience, loving God and loving man—this is success, no matter whether you have made a fortune or not.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The King and Queen of Spain are the guests this month of Lord and Lady Leith at Eyrie Castle. The Castle is a fine example of a Scottish baronial house, of which Aberdeenshire has not a few.

In Boston 300 children annually are named after Emerson.

The Marquis of Bute's mansion near Rothiesay cost \$100,000.

The wearing of nose rings is steadily diminishing among the Hindoos.

Persons bearing the same surname are forbidden to marry in China.

Rev. D. Cameron, Logie, has accepted the call to Barnhead quoad sacra Parish Church.

Free libraries for the blind have been established in Birmingham, Penzance, Plymouth and Wick.

Over a quarter of a century ago it was considered a grievous sin to retail milk on Sunday at large.

Russia has a larger proportion of blind people than any other European country: two out of every 1,000 are sightless.

There are 27,194 married women and widows in Birmingham who earn wages as factory hands, home workers, charwomen, etc.

Word has been sent to Oddfellows in New Jersey that all members who are saloon men or gamblers must give up their calling or be expelled.

The Rev. Dr. Simpson, of New York, raised \$51,000 for missions at the Christian Alliance camp meeting at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, on Sunday.

A declaration has been signed by leading ministers of the Free Evangelical Churches in England declaring for simple Bible teaching in schools.

It is said that Mr. Frederick Whitterson of the Rev. Alex. White, D.D., will be approached with a view to becoming Liberal candidate for West Edinburgh.

Chorlston, S.C., net canaries are being killed by a bird that is known as the "hogweed." A hogweed seed strikes at the canaries through the bars of the cage.

The death is announced of Mr. W. Anderson Smith, Glasgow, a gentleman widely known as a student of natural history, and as an authority more especially on fish culture.

It is officially stated that there is no truth in the rumor that the Princess of Wales will visit South Africa and be present at the opening of the new Transvaal Parliament.

The Postmaster-General is the greatest employer of labor in the kingdom. The staff of which he is the official head numbers in all 109,454 persons, of whom about one-fourth are women.

The evicted United Free Church congregation at Leithold, Teche, in the island of Lewis, have been provided with a temporary zinc hall through the efforts of ex-Provost Smith, Stormoway.

Yuma, in Western Arizona, is said to be the hottest spot in the world. Reports from California, a little further west, say that the heat is so intense that miners are overcome and perish by the score.

Rebuilt new city hall, which has been completed at a cost of \$1,500,000, was on the 1st inst. opened by Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who was accompanied by the Countess of Aberdeen.

The year 1900 will be the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, and the Reformed churches in Germany are already discussing how to make the occasion a memorable one. The celebration will certainly be on a large scale, and very probably a great monument will be erected.

The Government at Washington has resolved to follow the British example in the Transvaal and employ coolie labor in Panama. Already a protest has been made against it, though no objection was made to alien black labor, which has been used on the canal since the beginning. Racial prejudices drive men into curious contradictions.