

REV. W. H. LAIRD.

HIS MASTER CALLED.

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The hand of death yesterday (Sunday) deprived the Hamilton district of the Niagara Conference of the Methodist Church of an able and esteemed chairman, First Methodist Church of a beloved pastor, and the city of an eloquent divine. Announcements of the sudden call to Rev. W. H. Laird were made in most of the Protestant churches throughout the city, and in all, particularly the Methodist, were the deepest feelings of sorrow expressed by the pastors and shown by the people. Nor was the surprise less than the sorrow. Few there were, outside the members of the First Methodist Church, who had any intimation of any illness, and even the greater part of his own congregation did not know that their pastor was sick. Last week he was among his people as usual.

On Thursday evening he was the speaker at the meeting in St. John Presbyterian Church in connection with the week of prayer. He was then, seemingly, in his usual health. On Friday he complained of feeling unwell, but