

**Belleville, Scotland.**—We learn that the Rev. W. Hay has at last yielded to the importunity of his former much attached people in Scotland, Ont., and returns to his first and life-long charge in that place, about the beginning of the year. We suppose it was hardly possible in this case, but perhaps the line may apply even here,—

“Absence makes the heart grow fonder.”

**Rev. E. Barker**, whose return to Ontario we chronicled last month, has received a unanimous call from the 1st Garafraxa Church, and another from that at Eramosa, where he formerly laboured, and which the Rev. W. F. Clarke, of Guelph has been steadily supplying for several years past. Mr. Barker has not yet announced his decision. May the Lord guide our brother!

**Mr. Douglas Russell**, the evangelist, whose labours have been so signally blessed in Galt, Ont., is at present engaged in London, occupying in turn several places of worship belonging to different denominations, and appears to be creating a wide-spread interest in religion in that city. The following extract from the correspondence of the London *Advertiser* will show how the good work is spreading.

GALT, Dec. 12, 1868.

“DEAR ADVERTISER:—Two weeks have transpired since you had tidings from Galt. Last week was one of noted power and success in the work of revival. The presence and work of Rev. Mr. Inglis, Hamilton, on two evenings, were opportune. Speaking from the heart, his words reached the heart. The attendance was so large that we noticed some standing in the vestibule, who had driven nine miles to be present. This week, owing to the protracted snow storm, followed by keen frost, fewer have attended. Last night, however, (Friday) the house was again filled; throughout the week sinners have been coming to Christ.

“He alone, who has declared that His thoughts and ways are not as ours, knows when and what the end shall be.

“*Branch Revivals.*—People and pastors coming from neighbouring sections are being filled with a desire to *live* and *work* as they have never done. Already similar meetings have been opened in East Puslinch, Ayr and London, besides initiative steps in Hamilton, Toronto and other places. We believe that at East Puslinch a most blessed work is going on under the efficient hand of Rev. Mr. McDonald, Presbyterian minister in charge, from whom we were favored with a word in season in Galt some time since. Rev. Mr. Smith has spent the last two nights in Ayr, conducting the first of a series of meetings, and we are glad to say that his labour has not been in vain. The first night several anxious persons enquired: ‘What they must do to be saved?’ Last night nearly the body of the church remained for the second meeting. This is cheering to all and perhaps to none more so than to Rev. Mr. McRuar, who has been with us in Galt while Mr. Smith was among his people in Ayr. Let the work become general and Canada shall realize how “happy that people is whose God is the Lord.”

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## Gleanings.

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### THE BEST THAT I CAN.

“I cannot do much,” said a little star,  
 “To make the dark world bright!  
 My silvery beams cannot struggle far  
 Through the folding gloom of night!  
 But I’m only part of God’s great plan,  
 And I’ll cheerfully do the best that I can!