

ing the Ministerial Association of the City of Hamilton, then read the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, in the mysterious providence of God, we are called to mourn the loss of our friend and brother, the Rev. W. H. Laird, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, be it

*"Resolved*, that with humble submission to God's will we put upon record our deep sense of loss in the removal of our brother from among us, expressing at the same time our heartfelt appreciation of his many manly qualities, the kindness and geniality of his disposition, and his high character as a Christian and Minister of the Gospel:

"That we accept this dispensation as a call from God to us, as ministers, to recognize that time is short and to be more diligent than ever in the performance of the grave duties to which our lives are consecrated:

"That we convey to the bereaved widow and family of our departed brother, as also to the congregation so suddenly bereft of their pastor, our warmest Christian sympathy, and pray that the God of all consolation may grant them all needed support and comfort in their affliction, and may bring to the church and community, out of this sad bereavement, such revelations of His grace and wisdom, as will redound most to His glory and the salvation of souls."