

## STOKE-UNDER-HAM.

THE REV. E. SKILTON, C.F., who is home on leave, conducted the services on Sunday at the Congregational Church. Mr. Skilton, who is resigning the pastorship of the church, drew large congregations, and his remarks was listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Skilton has been brought in touch with many of our lads, and some he has attended in their last moments.

**KILLED IN ACTION.**—Two more brave Stoke lads have given their lives for their King and country. Lance-Corpl. Austin Keetch, S.L.I., who was reported missing, is now officially reported dead. He has been missing since November last, and his mother has this week heard from the War Office that he was killed on November 19th. Private Reginald Terrell of the Canadians, is also reported "died in action." Private Terrell joined up in Canada, and has been at the Front for some months. Sincere sympathy is expressed with the relatives of these brave lads.

**PRESUMED TO BE DEAD.**—Lance-Corporal Frank Boon, South Wales Borderers, third son of Mr. George Boon, of Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset, who was one of Kitchener's Army, has, as far as can be ascertained, given his life for his country. He saw service in the Dardenelles, and that had six months' furlough in England on account of dysentery and nervous breakdown. When he recover he was sent to France, eight weeks there brought him to the commencement of the memorable Somme battles of July 1st, 1916. From then nothing has been heard of him. He was reported missing, and a few days ago an official letter arrived asking relatives to presume that he died on July 1st. He was 26 years of age, and was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Bell-street, Whitchurch, Hants. Much sympathy is being expressed with the bereaved ones.