

Personal & General

Mrs. E. D. Little, of Paris, Ont., died in that town on March 23rd, aged 101. She was born in Scotland on February 11th, 1817.

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Flight-Lieut. Allan M. Denovan, son of Mr. A. M. Denovan, a Toronto Churchman, has been reported missing, according to a cable recently received by his father.

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The most elaborate display of the aurora borealis ever seen in Duluth appeared on March 17th. The lights took the form of an eagle with full spread wings.

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The Hebrew Christian Alliance of America will hold its fourth annual Conference in the Moody Bible Institute Auditorium, Chicago, May 29-31. It is estimated that there are 3,000,000 Jews in North America to-day.

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The bodies of Mrs. Lena Guilbert Ford, an American poetess, and her son, about thirty years old, were discovered in the wreckage of a house destroyed in the German air raid on London last week. In this house twelve persons were killed.

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General Ballington Booth, the head of the Volunteers of America, gave an address from the pulpit in Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, on Sunday evening, March 24th. The Vicar, Rev. Dr. Symonds, previously made a few remarks by way of introduction.

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An appropriation of \$1,193,125, as an additional contribution to the British Red Cross, was announced by the War Council of the American Red Cross. The original contribution to the British Red Cross, amounting to nearly a million dollars, was made last October.

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One of the most rapid building operations on record has been made by a great company of England, which put up a cannon factory containing more than 1,000 great machines. From the time the first spade was brought to the site less than two months elapsed before the first actual shipment of guns was made.

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A very impressive service of intercession on behalf of the war was held in Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, on Monday night, March 25th. A very large congregation was present, including the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, together with several members of their family and the members of their household. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Ottawa.

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The British Polar Medal, which is greatly prized, has been awarded by the King to Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton, Lieut. Frank Wild and forty-two other members of the Imperial trans-Antarctic expedition of 1914-16. Lieut. Wild was in charge of the party which was left on Elephant Island for several months while Lieut. Shackleton sought relief.

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For the space of 1,183 years an Archbishop has reigned at York. Bishophorpe, which is situated about three miles from York, has been in possession of the diocese and has been the home of the Archbishops of York for nearly 700 years. For the

space of 1,291 years the See of York has borne its living witness to that great Head of the Church who is "The same yesterday, to-day and for ever."

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The establishment of a Hebrew University in Jerusalem before the end of the war will be the first duty of the Jewish Commission, which leaves soon for Palestine, according to an announcement made by the Palestine Restoration Fund Commission. A site in the Mount of Olives already has been obtained, it was said, and an appeal will soon be made to the Jews of the world for an endowment fund.

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The Rev. James Williams, who has spent many years in pioneer work in Qu'Appelle Diocese, and also worked in British Columbia, has now been licensed by the Bishop of Truro (England) as Curate of Linkinhorne with Upton Cross (Cornwall), and is in charge of St. Paul's Church in the latter place. Mr. Williams some years ago (1901-3) was in charge of the Clarendon and Palmerston, and Coe Hill Missions in the Diocese of Ontario.

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The Bishop-Suffragan of Willesden, in the Diocese of London, the Right Rev. W. W. Perrin, formerly Bishop of British Columbia, has just completed 25 years' work since his consecration to the Episcopate. "Not many of the Diocesan Bishops at Home," says the "London Diocesan Magazine," "are his seniors by date of consecration, and had the Bishop remained in British Columbia, it may be presumed that he would now be its Archbishop."

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The quaint old parish church of Bradford, Wilts, England, was the scene of an interesting ceremony on New Year's Day, when the officers of various artillery regiments quartered in the vicinity held a memorial service in honour of Lieut.-General Henry Scrope Shrapnel, inventor of the shrapnel shell, and grandfather of Mrs. F. W. Webber, Orillia, Canada. General Shrapnel's remains lie in the chancel of the church. There was a large attendance, including several hundred artillery cadets. Two miles from Bradford is Midway Manor, the old home of the Shrapnels for several hundred years. Its entrance gates are supported by columns on which are engraved the names of various battles. They are surmounted with pyramids of the original spherical shrapnel shells. Souvenir copies of an oil painting of General Shrapnel were presented to those who attended the service, by the Vicar.

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The captain of a tramp steamer in the Gulf of Mexico was lately taken ill with ptomaine poisoning. With death staring him in the face, on account of inadequate medical aid, he decided to call, by wireless, for assistance from the physicians at a naval station a hundred miles away. The message was picked up by a liner 700 miles away, and the ship's surgeon made all haste to reply to this strange "S.O.S." with a full and detailed prescription, which was without much difficulty made up from the tramp steamer's medicine chest, and the captain's life was saved. A fireman on a Canadian Pacific liner which carries no surgeon was attacked in mid-ocean with internal hemorrhage. Wireless communication was secured with an Allan liner, and details of the symptoms transmitted across a thousand miles of ocean. A prescription was not only received, but daily consultations took place for some time, and the medicine was "changed" several times.—Tit Bits.

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