

Personal & General

Rev. C. Swanson expects to leave his school work in Victoria at Easter to take the incumbency of Mitchosen, in the Diocese of Columbia.

The sudden illness of the Rev. R. Coleman, Rector of Petitediac, came as a great shock to his many friends. He has been stricken with paralysis.

The Rev. C. H. Bailey, B.A., M.C., formerly of the Edmonton Mission, Alberta, has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury Rector of Buckland-in-Dover.

As a result of the Bradford (Yorks) Bishopric Sunday, the Diocese of Ripon has contributed £2,000. All that is now required to complete the scheme is another £15,000.

Miss Hilda Robinson, the daughter of Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, of Japan, is slowly recovering from an attack of pneumonia and pleurisy which followed influenza. She is in the Western Hospital, Toronto.

The Rev. Frank H. Buck, Incumbent of Klondyke Creeks, Diocese of Yukon, who has been overseas for some time as Chaplain of the 46th Battalion, has been awarded the Military Cross.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Craig, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Montreal, has decided to accept the invitation of Christ Church, Vancouver, to its rectorship, and will, therefore, relinquish his present charge about the end of May next.

The Misses Dunsford, of St. Paul's, Lindsay, Ont., knitted 1,300 pairs of socks during the war. They have received pins with "Love, Loyalty and Service" engraved upon them and cards of honour from the Canadian Field Comforts Association of Shorncliffe, England.

Rev. J. D. Mackenzie-Naughton, M.A., B.D., Rector of St. Luke's, Victoria, is now in Siberia as clerk in the Chaplains' Department. He arrived at Vladivostok early in December. His address is Sgt. J. D. Mackenzie-Naughton, No. 2140169, Force Headquarters, C.E.F., Siberia.

Mrs. Hamilton and three little sons are permanently settled with her parents at Owen Sound. Among the many gifts received by Mrs. Hamilton before leaving Ridgetown was a handsome purse of gold from the congregations where her husband, the late Rev. T. J. Hamilton, B.A., so successfully laboured.

Rainham Parish Church, Kent, England, has been enriched with a new Communion table, the gift of the parishioners, in memory of the late Rev. Charles Cobb, M.A., who was Vicar from 1876 to 1908. Mr. Cobb was a relative of Mr. Clement J. E. Cobb, who has given years of service as sub-editor of the "Canadian Churchman."

The Canadian Pacific Railway has purchased the site of Evangeline's home at Grand Pre, N.S., and will maintain it as a public park. A statue of Evangeline being sculptured by Phillippe Hebert at the time of his death will be completed by his son, and will be erected on the land. The park is within a stone's throw of the birthplace of Sir Robert Borden.

The Rev. Robert W. Ridgeway, M.C., of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, Chaplain 52nd Battalion, has received a bar to the Military Cross.

The particulars are as follows: When very severe casualties had occurred he worked unceasingly under fire, tending the wounded. Absolutely regardless of personal danger, and in spite of physical exhaustion, he carried on until every casualty had been attended to.

Owing to the restrictions placed upon the liquor traffic during the past three years in England, the number of convictions for drunkenness in London and 36 of the largest boroughs in that county, has fallen from 118,627 in 1913 to 30,216 in 1917—a reduction of 74 per cent. Largely owing to the same cause, the number of persons committed to prison for assaults has during the same period fallen by 82 per cent.

Judge MacDonald, of Brockville, has given notice of motion that at the next Ontario Synod in May he will move to have a clause of the Diocesan Constitution struck out which renders a clergyman liable to discipline for officiating at the services of religious bodies not in communion with the Church of England. Another amendment he proposes will have the effect, if passed, of allowing women to be elected as lay representatives to the Synod.

General Sir H. S. Horne (Commander of the First British Army), who resides in the village of East Haddon, Northants, took the Vicar's place in the pulpit of the parish church on Sunday night, and in the course of an address said that in the difficult period before us we must show all the qualities of unity and willingness to act together that brought us through the war. All our problems must be approached in that spirit, and we should loyally do all the Government required of us.

Few families in Canada can equal the record of that of Corpl. T. J. Holbrook, a Kinmount, Ont., blacksmith, recently returned from overseas. There were thirteen brothers in the Holbrook family, and all were in the war as volunteer men, of whom six gave the supreme proof of citizenship. The Holbrook family record eclipses that of Staff Sergeant W. F. Payne, of the Australian Imperials, who had five brothers killed at Mons, one at Bullecourt, another elsewhere in France, and two in the South African War, his sole surviving brother having lost a leg at Mons. The father of this family of eleven fighting men is a lieutenant-colonel in charge of the Bisley rifle range, in his 79th year.

After a long, active and continuous service, extending over more than fifty-two years, the Venerable Archdeacon J. B. Richardson, Rector of St. John's, London Township, has concluded to retire from parochial charge next Easter. He was born in Halifax, N.S., in 1843, and graduated in arts and theology at King's College, Windsor, N.S., in 1864. In 1866 he was ordained. The Archdeacon is to-day probably the oldest working parish clergyman of the Church of England in Canada. He has been Rector in only four parishes, namely, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, Ont.; Cronyn Memorial Church, London, for nearly twenty-two years, and St. John's twenty years. Though still well and active, the Archdeacon seems to feel that, owing to the strain of duty in advancing years, and especially the invalid condition of the diligent and devoted helpmate of his whole pastorate, Mrs. Richardson, his proper course is to retire and transfer his charge to another. He hopes, however, to continue his ministry and office as Archdeacon in other ways.

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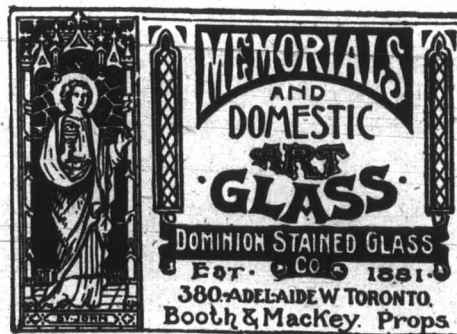
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