

Personal & General

The Holy City of Jerusalem has been in the hands of the Turks for 673 years.

Canadian troops in England have subscribed over \$20,000 to the Halifax Relief Fund.

The Governor-General has banished all alcoholic and spirituous liquors from Rideau Hall, Ottawa.

Six thousand people, in all, it is estimated, have been killed in the two recent earthquakes at Guatemala.

We beg to offer our sincere congratulations to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Lofthouse on the birth of a son on Christmas Day.

The Bishop of Fredericton, Right Rev. J. A. Richardson, has lately been staying with the Bishop of London at Fulham Palace.

All Saints', Whitby, Ont., has decided to close for the balance of the winter in order to save coal. Services will be held in the schoolhouse.

The sum of \$100 was left, amongst many other bequests, in the will of the late Mrs. Winn, of 241 Church Street, Toronto, to the Mission Fund of the diocese.

Dr. and Mrs. Grenfell will arrive in Toronto on January 26th, and they will be the guests of the Rev. A. L. Fleming and Mrs. Fleming, of 2 Elmsley Place.

The members of "C" Battery, Kingston, were entertained lately by the members of the A.Y.P.A. of the Cathedral in St. George's Hall. About seventy-five of them were present.

The Rev. F. W. Rushbrooke, superintendent of the Prince Rupert Coasts Mission and the captain of the Anglican Mission boat, "Northern Cross," is at present paying a short visit to his mother in Toronto.

The Provincial Board of Missions to Orientals of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia meets in Vancouver on the 25th inst. The Rev. Canon Gould, General Secretary of the M.S.C.C., expects to attend this meeting.

All the churches in Gananoque have closed their main auditoriums for an indefinite period and will use their Sabbath Schools and lecture halls for all services in order that the extra coal that would otherwise be required for heating may be distributed among those requiring it.

A Military Cross has been conferred upon the Rev. Harold McCausland, Curate of St. Augustine's Church, who left a year ago last May as Chaplain with the 95th Battalion, and who was transferred to the 47th British Columbia Battalion. He spent sixteen months in France and is now in England recuperating.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 16, in St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, and in the presence of a group of friends, a bronze tablet was unveiled to the memory of Lieut. Stanley Pepler, of the Royal Flying Corps, who was shot and instantly killed while flying in France. The Rev. Ensor Sharp, the Rector, officiated at the ceremony.

The Bishop of Toronto officiated at the funeral of the late Rev. W. H. H. French, which took place at Shanty Bay on Friday last, the 18th inst. On Sunday last the Bishop preached in

the morning in St. Barnabas Church, Halton Street, Toronto, and in the evening he preached in St. John the Evangelist's Church, on Portland Street, Toronto.

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, accompanied by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and members of his staff, was present at the morning service in St. Paul's, Toronto, on Sunday morning last. At the close of the service the Governor-General received the salute of the members of the Royal Flying Corps, who are now in Toronto, who were drawn up outside the church.

Major R. F. Massie, D.S.O., Toronto, of the Canadian Field Artillery, who was wounded in the head by a splinter of a German shell at Passchendaele, and who is at home at present on a three months' furlough, gave a very interesting address to the members of the Empire Club, Toronto, on January 17th, in the course of which he gave a thrilling account of the capture of the Passchendaele Ridge by the Canadian troops.

At the annual meeting of the Social Service Council of Canada, held recently, Rev. Canon Tucker, Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, was re-elected president. The meeting was largely attended and the reports of the various officers showed that much valuable work had been accomplished during the past year. The Social Service Council is representative of the churches of all denominations and organizations interested in welfare work.

At Lyndhurst, a hamlet in the county of Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. White lately celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. A notable feature of the reception held in honour of the occasion was the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Wing, the best man and the leading bridesmaid of half a century ago. There were present with Mr. and Mrs. White every member of the family, children and grandchildren, the family circle as yet being unbroken.

The Bishop of Fredericton, after visiting the troops on behalf of the Canadian Church, told the Canadian Associated Press that he is most vividly impressed with the care taken for the men's welfare. He has been through the main hospitals. He speaks of the high organization of the Chaplain service. The Bishop accompanied a party of permanently unfit, and speaks very highly of the discharge depot. The Bishop expects to return in a few weeks' time.

The Rev. Canon Boyd, Rector of St. Faith's Parish, Edmonton, and formerly head of the Edmonton Mission of the Archbishops' Western Canada Fund, has been obliged to resign his present position. He has developed a slight weakness of the heart, and is advised that he cannot spend another winter in Alberta without serious risk of additional permanent damage. We are informed that there is no reason why he should not live a normal life in a lower altitude and a more temperate climate.

A tribute to the gallantry of the late Lieut. H. E. B. Platt, who went overseas from Toronto with the 3rd Battalion and was killed in action at Hill 60 on May 5th, 1916, came to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Platt, of 1574 King Street West, Toronto, in the form of a bronze memorial tablet, which was sent from England as the gift of Lieut. Platt's comrades. The tablet was subscribed for by all ranks of "A" Company of the 3rd Battalion and the regimental scouts, and it is to be placed in the Church of the Epiphany, Parkdale, where a special dedication ceremony is to be held shortly.

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