

## Personal & General

The Right Rev. Bishop Courtney and Miss Courtney spent a few days in Toronto last week.

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The Bishop of Toronto spent last week-end in making a visitation of the Mission of Washago, Cooper's Falls and Sparrow Lake.

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Eight sons of Mrs. Towsay, of Aylmer, Ont., have joined the colours, and one of them has made the supreme sacrifice.

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The offices of the S.P.C.K. have been removed from 68 Haymarket, to 6 St. Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C. 2.

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The King and the Queen of the Belgians flew across the English Channel in an airplane on July 6th, when they came over to England to attend the 25th anniversary of the King and the Queen.

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On July 13th, the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Sir Robert Borden by the University of Cambridge. A large number of people were present in the Senate House to witness the ceremony.

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The Rev. J. Edmonds, of London, Ont., who recently met with a bad accident by being run into by an automobile is, we are pleased to hear, recovering. Mr. Edmonds is 71 years of age, not 91, as stated in a previous issue.

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The Rev. Dyson Hague, Vicar of the Church of the Epiphany, Toronto, has been engaged by the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. to speak at various military camps. He has already visited the camps at Barriefield and Valcartier.

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The following changes in the Chaplains' Department have lately taken place. The Revs. C. W. Hedley has been appointed to the London area; W. B. Singleton to Bramshott area; R. L. Carson to Witley; A. K. Magner to Seaford; and W. Barton to H.M.H.S. "Araguaya."

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The Rev. W. T. Hallam, D.D., who recently paid a visit to different centres in Western Canada, where graduates of Wycliffe College are working, and conducted a very successful conference at Montlach, Saskatchewan, has returned and is spending a couple of weeks in Muskoka.

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Flight-Lieut. Horace Bray, son of the Rev. H. E. Bray, of Thamesford, Ont. (diocese of Huron), has been reported as having lost his life at the front. Lieut. Bray gave promise of considerable literary ability and of a most useful career. The "Canadian Churchman" extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents.

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Dominion Day was celebrated at Annapolis by the unveiling of a sundial by Lieutenant-Governor Grant, the gift of an American, Colonel R. J. Shannon, of Brockport, New York, as a memorial to George Vaughan, one of the Colonel's ancestors, who was present at the taking of Queen Anne fort under General Francis Nicholson, in 1710.

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Recently a seven-foot king cobra interrupted a game of golf between two military officers at Nungaladon, near Rangoon, Burmah. The big snake attacked Major Williams, of the Rangoon Battalion, Military Police, its fangs entering the leg of his trousers but fortunately not touching his skin. Lieutenant-Colonel Obbard, Commissioner of Pegu, ran to his friend's assistance and before the snake could

strike again he killed it with his mashie.

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The Canadian Red Cross Society has raised in all \$28,000,000 since the commencement of the war in addition to the sum of \$6,000,000 which has been given to the British Red Cross Society. The people of Canada are giving a hospital to the French nation to be located in Paris, which is to cost half a million dollars. This hospital, which will be fully equipped, will contain 520 beds. A hospital for officers in London, is being established with 200 beds.

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We had the pleasure of receiving a visit at the office last week from the Rev. Canon Troop, former Rector of St. Martin's, Montreal, who has been spending some considerable time in England. Canon Troop is en route to the Pacific Coast. On Sunday, July 7th he preached in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, on the 14th he occupied the pulpit at St. Luke's, Winnipeg, and on the following Sunday he will preach in St. Stephen's, Calgary.

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Mr. Henry Mason, of the firm of Mason and Risch, Toronto, has presented a beautiful organ to St. Andrew's Church, Centre Island, which will be formally opened this evening at 8 o'clock. The choir of St. James' Cathedral, under the direction of Dr. Ham, is to have charge of the musical part of the service, and other city choirs will follow this up on each succeeding Thursday until the end of August. On Sunday next the organ will be dedicated by Bishop Reeve, who is arranging for special sermons and music throughout the day.

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In the desert of Western Australia there are wells which yield water only at night. Before the water begins to flow weird hissings and the sound of rushing air may be heard. The phenomenon is believed to be due to a change in the form of the rocky channel through which the water flows, and to the extreme change in temperature between day and night which occurs in this region. The hissing is due to the escape of air before the advance of the water.—"Popular Science Monthly."

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Another Army Chaplain, the Rev. G. D. Barlow Poole, who has been Chaplain of the Forces since 1915, has been recommended for the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous gallantry. Mr. Barlow Poole has been Curate of Clapham Parish Church since 1905. This is the second South London clergyman to gain the V.C.—the Rev. Noel Mellish, Curate of St. Paul's, Deptford, received the coveted decoration early in 1916. A similar honour was also conferred in 1916 upon the Rev. W. R. F. Addison, Curate of St. Edmund's, Salisbury. These are the only V.C. Chaplains of any denomination.

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The women of Niagara Falls, Ont., have knitted 9,600 pairs of socks during the past 12 months, that is at the rate of 800 pairs of socks each month. There are 30 knitting circles and the bill for wool has amounted to close upon \$600 every month. Aprons, rompers, nightgales, combinations, quilts, petticoats, waists—116 in all—made up a recent shipment to the Secours National, and every one was made from the small scraps of pyjama cloth, but all so carefully pieced that it took a microscope to find the joins. Credit for this labour of love and conservation goes to the United Bible Workers' Class. As a silver wedding gift to her Majesty, the league sent 384 suits of pyjamas, valued at \$960; 786 pairs of socks and other articles, totalling 2,041, the cost coming to \$2,243, and the whole collection being made in three weeks.

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