

Personal & General

The Huron Diocesan Synod will meet in London on May 13th.

Viscount Grey, former Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain, has become totally blind.

Dr. F. C. Thomas, who has been the organist of Grace Church, Brantford, for the past ten years, has resigned.

Dr. Ham gave an organ recital in Christ Church, Toronto, on March 27th in aid of the organ fund of the church.

The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara will meet this year in Hamilton on May 20th, a week earlier than usual.

Rev. E. J. Peck, D.D., spoke on the work in Baffin Land and Ungava Bay at the Trinity W.A. annual in Ottawa on March 26th.

A memorial service for American soldiers and sailors who fell in the war is to be held in Westminster Abbey on April 4th.

Major the Rev. W. B. Walker has returned to Calgary from overseas and expects soon to be seated in the Rectory at High River.

The Right Rev. Dr. Richardson, Bishop of Fredericton, is to be the preacher of the "Flower Sermon" in the Cathedral at St. Louis, Mo., on May 18th.

During this week a Prophetic Bible Conference is being held in Toronto at Knox Church. Canon Howitt and Rev. Dyson Hague are the Anglican speakers.

Mr. W. H. Wiggs, of Quebec, is the chairman of the Prohibition Campaign Committee for Quebec, and Col. Irving P. Rexford is the honorary treasurer.

The Allies have to face the gigantic task of feeding 86,500,000 people for some time to come. In order to meet this demand 500,000 tons of food per month will be required.

Rev. W. G. Walton arrived on the "Baltic" from England on March 22nd. He preached in St. Matthew's Church, New York City. He is now in Port Arthur, Ont., for a few days.

Sir Oliver Lodge, who has been for nearly 20 years past the Principal of Birmingham University, has decided to retire at the end of the present session. Sir Oliver is in his 68th year.

According to a statement lately made in the Federal House at Ottawa, the present estimated total population of Canada is 8,835,000. The census in 1911 showed a population of 7,206,643.

Banff, Alta., has given every child in the local schools a Thrift Stamp. The sales of War Savings and Thrift Stamps generally in that town have been large, \$3,000 worth having been sold ten days ago.

Archdeacon Paterson Smyth, Rector of St. George's, Montreal, preached the University sermon in the Convocation Hall, Toronto, on the morning of March 30th and in the evening he preached in St. Simon's Church, Toronto.

The body of Nurse Edith Cavell at Brussels is to be exhumed and re-buried in the village churchyard of Swardston, Norwich, where the heroic nurse was born during the time that her father was the Rector there. Mrs. Cavell, her mother, died last year.

On the occasion of his 75th birthday, which occurred on March 20th, the Bishop of New York received from the clergy of his diocese a pleasing token of their affection and loyalty, a beautiful gold watch, suitably inscribed. A few weeks ago Bishop

Greer completed 15 years in the Episcopate.

A proposal is on foot to place a memorial tablet in Amiens Cathedral to the Royal Canadian Dragoons. A letter has already been sent to the Archbishop of Amiens, requesting permission. Amiens has been chosen because some of the heaviest fighting in which the Canadians took part was in its neighbourhood.

For the first time on record the deaths have exceeded the births in England and Wales in the last quarter of 1918, according to the Registrar-General's report. Births were 161,775 and the deaths 241,218. The deaths exceeded those for the preceding quarter by 127,000. Influenza was the cause of no fewer than 98,998 deaths.

The total allied naval losses in the war aggregated 803,000 tons, according to an estimate sent by Reuter's Paris correspondent. Of this loss the British portion was 550,000 tons. The Central Powers lost 415,000 tons, but the German total, which was 350,000 tons, does not cover the huge tonnage surrendered under the armistice terms.

A number of ancient stained-glass windows in Westminster Abbey which were placed in the crypt for safety after the first air raid on London are now being cleaned preparatory to restoration. The east window of St. Margaret's Church, depicting the Crucifixion, which was also removed to the crypt of the Abbey, is to be replaced shortly.

Five years would be required to complete the proposed tunnel under the English channel, according to an authoritative estimate. It is said that in ordinary times the cost of the work would be about eighty million dollars, but in view of the increased cost of labour and materials the expense involved would, under present conditions, be nearly one hundred millions.

Capt. the Rev. J. E. Gibson, M.A., Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Toronto, who has just returned from over two years' service overseas, has been appointed Chaplain of the Spadina and College Military Hospitals, Toronto. He suggests that the future of the parish, which is very much "down town," should be discussed at the forthcoming vestry meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Laws, of Newmarket, Ont., who were married fifty years ago in the Parish Church of Bradford, Ont., by the Rev. M. Rutan, who was at that time the Rector, celebrated their golden wedding day on March 15th at Newmarket. They have had 11 children, all of whom are still living. Among the many gifts received was a purse of gold from their sons and daughters which was accompanied with an engraved address.

Word has been received that the Military Cross has been awarded to Capt. (Rev.) F. H. Buck, chaplain with the 46th Battalion. In September, 1916, he enlisted in the Yukon as a private, resigning his work as a missionary under Bishop Stringer to join his men in the Yukon contingent. In January, 1917, he left Victoria to go overseas, serving in the ranks until June of that year, when he was gazetted as chaplain. Since February, 1918, Capt. Buck has served in France as chaplain of the 46th Battalion, going over the top with his men and bearing alike their danger and hardships. Having taken a stretcher-bearer and first aid course, he was able to render great service to the doctors on many occasions, attending to the wounded and doing all in his power to aid and comfort them, for which service he has received the Military Cross. He is a graduate of McGill University and Latimer Hall and has been working in the Yukon under the Church Camp Mission.

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