

## Personal & General

Miss A. L. Archer, a missionary of the Canadian Church in Japan, has reached Canada on furlough.

It is a false loyalty that cannot face possible failure. Christianity cannot fail, but the Church may fail in its presentation of Christianity.

"I didn't think much of the sermon to-day." Little Hilda—"Well, mother, how much more could you expect for threepence?"—London Opinion.

At least eighteen British Army Chaplains have lost their lives in the present war, ten of whom were members of the Church of England.

Captain E. H. Matheson, son of the Primate of All Canada, has been awarded the Military Cross. We feel certain that the whole Church will rejoice with the Primate at this honour.

Clerk (to Curate)—"I'm terrible sorry, zur, that you be a-gwaine to lave us. We've changed ever so many times since Passen Green died, and always for the wuss!"

The Rev. M. La Touche Thompson, Immigration Port Chaplain, who had spent a week in Toronto visiting friends, returned to Quebec on Saturday last. He expects to leave Quebec soon for St. John, New Brunswick, for the winter season.

The Lord Mayor of London recently unveiled the first memorial in the City of London to Lord Kitchener. It is a reproduction in Portland stone of a 14th century Gothic cross, nearly twelve feet high, and it stands in the churchyard of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

The Rev. Harold Burton, Hon. Secretary of the Armenian Refugees' Fund, England, who has returned to England after relief work in the devastated provinces, states that "out of two million Armenians reckoned as subjects of the Porte, he believes that half a million have been massacred and a million deported."

The Vicar (discussing the Daylight Saving Bill)—"But why have you put the small clock on and not the big one?" Old Man—"Well, it's like this, sir: grandfeyther's clock 'ave been tellin' th' truth for ninety year, and I can't find i' my heart to make a liar o' he now; but li'le clock, 'e be a German make, so it be all right for 'e."

A small child who was the youngest member of a very hard-up family was told one day by her father that she had a new baby sister. "Isn't that nice?" he asked. But hard lessons of domestic economy had already taken hold of the young lady, and she answered severely: "Well, daddy, I s'pose it's all right, but it seems to me there's a lot of things we need more."

A prisoner, about to be released from the Massachusetts State Prison at Charlestown, said a few days ago to the Episcopal Chaplain: "I have been able to save during my imprisonment fifty dollars, now on deposit at the office. I am going back to take charge of my father's farm. I do not need the money, but I have heard something about Bishop Lawrence and the Church Pension Fund. I would like to give that fifty dollars to the Fund as an expression of my gratitude for

what you, as an Episcopal clergyman, have done for me."

The only son is one of the tragedies of the war. The obituary columns of the newspapers record the deaths of many only sons. The English Times' announcements of one day alone record the deaths of 11 officers who died of wounds, six of whom were only sons, and on the same day the provincial papers mention 15 only sons killed and wounded. Not merely only sons, but many only heirs have fallen early in the war. In certain cases, such as those of the Marquessate of Lincolnshire and the baronies of Knaresborough, Playfair, Ribblesdale, Rosmead and Stamfordham, the title will be extinct unless royal prerogative is exercised.

The Toronto Bible College, Toronto, opens its 23rd session this year with the prospect of continuing the large field of service it has been occupying for the last 22 years. Through the generosity of its supporters, an additional member has been added to the staff, who, among other duties, will have charge of a normal class for the study of the International Sunday School lesson on Friday evenings. It is believed that this course will meet a much-felt need in helping the large Sunday School constituency in the city in the preparation of the Sunday School lesson. A nominal registration fee is charged of \$2 for the evening courses, and \$4 for the day classes. Catalogue and full information can be obtained on application to the Secretary, 110 College Street.

There is no grip in modern preaching—a prevailing note of uncertainty—or a dogmatism which is parish-like, and not the fruit of real, personal conviction. Much is to be said in favour of this point of view. A thoughtful man very soon takes the intellectual measure of a preacher. He discovers where he fails. If the preacher be a strong man, and careless, he is discovered and discounted. If he merely repeats what others have said, without mastering their thought, he is not listened to, and will be avoided. If he is a hesitating and doubtful disserter of conflicting views, he has no message, and his church is deserted. Men do not want from the pulpit discourses they cannot understand by reason of their profundity. They need a message from God to their hearts, and in almost every case where a godly man does his best to preach Christ it is found that, even in careless London, he gets, in time, a devoted congregation.—Church of Ireland Gazette.

The report of the committee appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1913 to consider the Revision of the Psalter, has been published by the S.P.C.K. The principal changes recommended are the remedying of certain inaccuracies in translation, and the elucidating of other passages which sound as nonsense to modern ears. The following are a few of the new readings suggested:—"O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord: Thou art my God, I have no good like unto Thee"—instead of "my goods are nothing unto Thee" (xvi. 2); "Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness: and when iniquity at my heels compasseth me round about"—instead of "the wickedness of my heels," etc., (xlix. 5); "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of women that bare the tidings"—instead of "great was the company of the preachers" (lxviii. 11); "He drave his enemies backward," instead of the unspeakable sentence with which we are too familiar (lxxviii. 67).

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