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Six hundred Jews have been decorated with the St. George's Cross for valour since the commencement of the war. * * *

"One by one, under the pressure of the war our prejudices have to be scrapped and our former judgments "revised."—"Church Times."

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The General Synod of the Church of Ireland, which was to have been held on May 2nd, has been postponed owing to the recent disturbances.

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During his recent tour for the forthcoming National Mission, the Bishop of London visited 15 dioceses, and spoke to 18,000 clergy and laity.

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A beautiful rose window has been placed in St. Luke's Cathedral, Orlando, Florida, in memory of Mrs. Gray, the widow of the first missionary Bishop of the diocese.

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Three times during the present year the Bishop of Rochester has held a special Confirmation service in Rochester Cathedral for the purpose of confirming wounded soldiers.

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A prominent layman of the diocese of Erie has presented Dr. Israel, the Bishop of the diocese, with \$1,000, which is to be used for the carrying on of special missionary work.

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Each month 314 copies of "The Round World" are sent to children in the Diocese of Saskatchewan by children in Great Britain, often accompanied by a personal letter.

"We are learning something of geography at last, though at a price that is cruelly prohibitive. Our newlearned maps are drawn, alas! in crimson," says Mr. Algernon Blackwood.

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The Rev. A. G. Wilkin, who was mentioned in recent reports of the fighting on the Canadian front, was Vicar of Sunny Vale, in the diocese of Qu'Appelle. His name is in the list of Chaplains from that diocese.

His Honor Judge C. O. Ermatinger will leave early in July to spend a month with his daughter, Mrs. Maxwell K. Moorhead, at Swansea, in Wales, where Mr. Moorhead is now United States Consul. During the absence his Honor hopes to have an opportunity /to visit his son, Capt. Percy Ermatinger, who is at present to the inspiring memory and genius of Charlotte Brontë, author of "Jane Eyre," "Shirley," and "Villette," and in commemoration of the centenary of her birth at Thornton, April 21st, 1816, during the five years that her father, the Rev. Patrick Brontë, exercised his ministry there. * * * *

A recent Press cable states that Captain Shatford, of Montreal, Chaplain of the Pioneer Hospital at Shorncliffe, is proceeding to the front, replacing Captain Jeakins, who is undertaking hospital work in England. Chaplain Alison, who has resigned his commission, is returning to Canada. Chaplain B. L. Whitaker, invalided from the Canadian Hospital at Salonica, is replaced by Chaplain G. Whitaker. Bishop White, of Honan, China, was lately the guest of his brother, Captain White, of the Medical Corps, at Shorncliffe. He recently preached to the Canadians at a church parade at Shorncliffe.

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The Archbishop of York announces that Mission clergy are preparing an itinerant Mission. Between the middle of June and the middle of July a specially selected band of clergy in companies of two will walk from village to village, staying one or two days and speaking in the churches or the open air, in the homes or in the road, about the need of God at this great crisis. These visits (he states), breaking in upon the routine of country life, may impress upon the imagination of the villagers the greatness and solemnity of the time . and prepare for the fuller and wider delivery of the message of the Mission in the autumn.

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In the relic room of a Chicago mail order house there was placed on exhibition recently a water-soaked family Bible that had defied a swirling torpedo from a submarine and the rushing billows of the Atlantic Ocean. Ordered by a customer, J. Terry Morgan, in Sierra Leone, West Africa, the Bible was sent parcel post to Chicago, and was a part of the mail on board the steamship "Falaba" when the ship was torpedoed in March last year. In some way unaccounted for the Bible was torn loose from the mail bag by the explosion, according to one theory, landing on the surface of the water. It was picked up by a fisherman later on the coast of Scotland, where it had been washed ashore. How, with its -compactness and weight, it could have floated that distance is a mystery. The book was sent to Liverpool, the postmarks and shipper's name deciphered, and returned to Chicago.

An event unique in the history of Sion College, London, took place in

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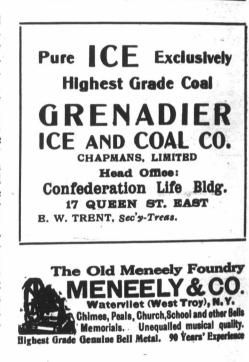
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Not many Vicars can claim such a record as Canon Armitstead, Vicar of Sandbach, Cheshire, who recently presided over his fifty-first Easter vestry. He has never missed a vestry since he became Vicar in 1865. Canon Armitstead is eighty-seven years of age, and was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Chester in 1853.

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At the recent annual vestry meeting in connection with Christ Church, Woking, England, the Vicar, the Rev. E. Price Devereux, stated that over 600 parishioners and members of the three congregations were serving with the Forces; the parochial Roll of Honour—men who had laid down their lives for their country—numbered fifty-two.

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In connection with the Brontë Centenary a memorial tablet was unveiled lately in the parish church, Thornton, by the Rev. W. H. Draper. The inscription stated that the tablet was

the library of that building lately when the Archbishop of Belgrade, the head of the Orthodox Church of Serbia, was presented with an address of welcome and assurance of sympathy by the Bishop of Willesden, on behalf of the Bishop of London, the priest-members of the Anglican and Eastern Association, and others of the clergy. It is unique because it is the only instance of the chief Bishop of one of the Orthodox Churches visiting England since the visit in the twelfth century of Heraclius, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, when he consecrated the Temple Church, hard by Sion College. This was, however, the Latin Patriarch, who came to stir up enthusiasm for a crusade And the tragedy of Serbia, manifested in this noble refugee Archbishop, should surely stir English Churchmen to a new crusade, which shall issue[®] in lasting freedom and safety for Serbia, Constantinople, and the Holy Land. A representative gathering, including the Bishops of Ou-'Appelle and of Barking welcomed the Archbishop.

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