

## Personal & General

The Bishop of Ottawa spent the early part of last week in Saskatoon and Edmonton and has now gone on to the Pacific Coast.

Rev. A. Ritchie Yeoman, rector of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, N.S., who has been very seriously ill, is now making excellent progress.

Rev. T. H. Perry, of St. Matthias', Halifax, is recovering from his illness, but is still suffering from weakness, following his recent attack of influenza.

The 2nd Coldstream Guards, which left Windsor in August, 1914, returned to England on February 27th. Of the original battalion, not a single officer and only twenty men returned.

July, 1920, is the date set for the next Lambeth Conference. Seventy-four bishops attended the last one. Bishop Montgomery is undertaking the secretarial duties for the present.

Rev. C. B. Kenrick, of Hamilton, sprained his foot and knee by stepping off the edge of a high platform while he was lecturing to his congregation on lantern views of mountain scenery.

A meeting of Czech Catholic priests, held recently in Prague, unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the use of the Czech language in the liturgy and the abolition of celibacy for the clergy.

Rev. Canon Tucker, Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, left for Montreal, on March 4th on receiving news of his sister's death from influenza. Miss Tucker has been an invalid for some years. His brother is critically ill with the same disease.

At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary of the Canadian Bible Society which was recently held at Stellarton, N.S., the Rev. L. J. Donaldson, the Rector of Trinity Church, Halifax, was elected one of the vice-presidents for the ensuing year.

The Rev. W. E. Tyers, who has been serving as a Chaplain with the Canadian Forces Overseas, has been appointed by the Vicar of Egham in England to work at Egham Hythe, a mission station, where it is expected that a suitable site for a church will shortly be secured.

Bishop Bidwell, who reached Kingston from England on March 4th, stated that conditions in England have improved, but still it is not a place to go on a pleasure trip. The restrictions have not been removed on the use of fuel or on many articles of food, owing chiefly to conditions of transportation.

Up to October, 1918, 3,006 English clergy had served and retired as Chaplains to the Army, and at that time 2,000 were still serving. Seventy-nine Chaplains had been killed, 167 wounded, 10 were taken prisoner and three were missing. No fewer than 244 had received military awards and three of these have won the V.C.

Archbishop Worrell of Nova Scotia has appointed Rural Dean Cunningham as Examining Chaplain of Nova Scotia in the place of Canon Vernon, who is moving to Toronto. The Rural Dean is a graduate of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, and has been a keen student of theology and especially of the Greek Testament.

Lt.-Col. Fred Wilkinson, M.M., the son of Rev. Fred Wilkinson, Rector of St. Peter's, Toronto, arrived home last week. Since 1916 he has been in France with the 4th Canadian Divisional Signallers. In September, 1918, he was wounded in the arm, but has made a practically complete recovery. He has been awarded the Military Medal and also a bar to the medal.

At the 64th annual meeting of the Ottawa Bible Society which was held in that city on March 3rd, Mr. F. H.

Gisborne, K.C., was elected President for the ensuing year and the following Anglican clergy of the city were elected Vice-Presidents: Archdeacon Mackay, Canons Kitson and Snowden. Mr. J. F. Orde, K.C., an Anglican layman, was also elected a Vice-President.

Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner, on March 7th, presented the colours provided by the people and boards of trade of the Eastern Townships of Quebec, to the Fifth Mounted Rifles, at Bramshott, England. Bishop Taylor-Smith, Chaplain-General to the Forces, dedicated the colours. Others attending were Major-General Loomis, Brigadier-General Draper and Colonel Almond.

On a mission to promote an international league of Christian churches—Roman Catholic together with Protestant—three Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America sailed on March 6th on the steamship Aquitania. "We shall meet the official heads of the churches in Europe and place our aims and objects before them." Bishop Anderson, of Chicago, chairman of the commission, said of the journey of himself and Bishop Heber Weller, Fond du Lac, Wis., and Bishop Boyd Vincent, of Southern Ohio.

What is the most valuable thing in St. Paul's Church? was the question asked recently during the progress of the fire in the Roy building, Halifax, which is near by. This is a difficult question to answer. The most interesting thing just now, many people would think, is the autograph page in the visitors' book, which contains the two names most in the public mind just now in the mother land, first the simple signature in a fine bold hand, "Patricia," and then the signature beneath it, "Alexander Ramsay, A.D.C."

Capt. (Rev.) A. E. Andrew, formerly rector of Pictou, and rural dean of Amherst, has been presented by King George with the Military Cross which he won at Cambrai. Captain Andrew had been recommended twice for this coveted decoration. He enlisted first as a combatant, having failed to secure a chaplaincy, going overseas as lieutenant with 100 men whom he and Lieutenant Gunn recruited for the ammunition column. He transferred overseas to the chaplain service of the Royal Canadians, and was closely associated with the men in the trenches.

Canadians ought to be thoroughly proud of the Report of the Canadian Red Cross Society, which was presented at the annual meeting in Toronto on February 27th. \$5,066,338.31 are the total receipts and \$3,071,339.80 the disbursements. There are now 1,150 branches in the various provinces; 2,700 prisoners of war were supplied with six parcels of food monthly, besides the full bread ration permitted; 54,597 packages of soldiers' hospital comforts were shipped to England during 1917, which were valued at \$4,500,000. Grants of money have been made to the Red Cross efforts of other Allied nations. The annual report shows the amount of work Anglicans have done for the organization. Colonel Marshall, the chairman, and Mrs. H. P. Plumtre, the honorary corresponding secretary ever since its formation, have given unstintedly of their time and energy. On the Central Council of the Canadian Red Cross out of 28 members, at least 15 are Anglicans. On the Executive Committee, with Miss Gertrude Brock as an associate, the proportion of Anglicans is still greater. To all who have made possible the excellence of this vital work the gratitude of the Dominion and soldiers is due and that includes not only officers but those who did the drudgery of bandage winding, and sewing and folding and the thousand tasks carried faithfully on day after day, with only the thought of our brave men to chase away the weariness and monotony.

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