

Personal & General

The Rev. F. A. Hefler, Rector of Grafton, Ont., lost his mother and twenty-five other relatives in the Halifax disaster.

On Sunday, December 9th, the only two services held in the city of Halifax were in St. Paul's (Anglican) and St. Mary's (Roman Catholic).

Word has been received that the Rev. S. E. McKeagney, formerly of Brantford, Ont., now acting as Chaplain at the front, has been sent to France.

The Bishop of Toronto held an Ordination in St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday, December 23rd. The Rev. Canon O'Meara, Principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto, preached the Ordination sermon.

The Albert Medal of the First Class has been awarded to Doreen Ashburnham, aged 11 years, and Anthony Farrer, aged 8, at Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island, in recognition of great bravery shown by them when attacked by a cougar.

Private J. E. Ward, a returned wounded soldier at the College Street Military Hospital, Toronto, was confirmed by Bishop Reeve in St. Stephen's Church on Monday, December 3rd. Private Ward lost one of his legs at the front.

In the C.M.S. Mission, in the Ellore district of Southern India, during the first two months of the present year nearly 1,000 new inquirers into Christianity placed themselves under instruction with a view to baptism. In one month 469 persons were baptized at Ellore.

St. John's, Buffalo, has shown a very patriotic spirit. The congregation had on hand a sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of building a new church, but they were forced by war conditions to postpone the building, and instead invested their money in Liberty bonds.

Dr. Samuel Thornton, formerly Bishop of Ballarat, Australia, died in England recently, aged 82. He was consecrated first Bishop of Ballarat in 1865, and he retired in 1900. Since that date he has been assisting in the Dioceses of Manchester and of London, respectively.

The Rev. James Andrew Miller (a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto), for the past eight years Rector of St. John's Church, Lancaster, Ohio, has accepted a call to the rectorship of Trinity Cathedral, Michigan City, Indiana, and will take up his work there immediately after Christmas.

Major the Rev. G. A. Wells, a clergyman from Winnipeg, who is serving as Chaplain at the Front, has been appointed Senior Chaplain of the 2nd Division, C.E.F., in France. He has been recently serving as Senior Chaplain of General Hughes' division at Witley, in Surrey, England.

Before leaving the parish of Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter for that of Mitchell (Diocese of Huron) the Rev. W. H. Robarts and Mrs. Robarts were the recipients of many beautiful presents at the hands of their parishioners. Among these were three pieces of Jacobean drawing-room furniture.

Canon Gould gave a most interesting address to the members of the

Empire Club, Toronto, on Thursday of last week, his subject being "The Imperial Significance of the Capture of Jerusalem." Canon Gould lived for fifteen years in Palestine, and for one-third of that time he resided in the Holy City.

Dr. John R. Mott, in addressing the members of the Canadian Club in Toronto on December 19th, made an impassioned plea for faith and hope in Russia. Dr. Mott has travelled extensively in Russia and knows the people of that country at first hand. He has visited Russia since the outbreak of the war.

In connection with the jubilee of St. John's Church, Newtown, Leeds, which has just been celebrated, it is interesting to note another instance of long service. Mr. T. W. West, who has been churchwarden for fifteen years, has also been superintendent of the boys' Cunday School for nearly forty years, and began to teach in the Sunday School a few months after the church was consecrated.

Seven thousand men who have gone overseas from Canada have up to the present time been decorated for valour on the field of battle and for other important services rendered. Several nurses from Canada have been decorated for their valuable services at the front. Nineteen members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force have so far gained the coveted Victoria Cross; seven officers and twelve of the rank and file.

Profound regret is felt in the Diocese of Rochester at the announcement that Lieut.-Colonel the Rev. Percy W. Beresford, D.S.O., has been killed in action. In 1905 he was ordained by the Bishop of Rochester to the curacy of Westerham, where he remained until the outbreak of war, when he decided to enlist as a combatant. He was offered a commission, and some time ago was awarded the D.S.O. for conspicuous bravery.

A transfusion of blood has been successfully carried out at the General Hospital, Toronto, from a veteran of the war, Lieut. Allan F. Lynch, to his father, Rev. F. J. Lynch, who has been in poor health for some time. Mr. Lynch's condition is greatly improved and he is able to be removed to his home. His son suffered no ill effects and has resumed his work as machine gun instructor at Exhibition Camp. The Rev. F. J. Lynch is the Rector of the Church of the Advent, Toronto.

Instead of having the annual Christmas entertainment, the scholars of Lucas S.S. are giving an equal amount of money as has been taken in on former years, to the local branch of the Red Cross. Besides this, the pupils were asked for a special collection on Sunday, December 23rd, for the above object. We ought to teach the children in our Sunday Schools that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The late General Sir Stanley Maude, who died lately from cholera in Mesopotamia, says the "Church Family Newspaper," "was a devout Churchman. He was a member of the congregation of St. John's, Watford, and when at home never missed the early Morning Service. On active service he made a strong point of attending Holy Communion every Sunday morning if possible. From 1910-12 he was Vicar's warden at All Saints', Carshalton. The atmosphere of the Church has been familiar to him since his early days. His mother was a daughter of the Very Rev. Sir Cecil Bisshopp, and several of his relatives held positions in the Church."

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