#### Personal & Beneral

Dean Coombs of Winnipeg is holidaying at Gull Harbour, Lake Winni-

The Bishop of Ontario has gone to Metis Beach, P.Q., for the remainder of August.

The Rev. Percy Powell, of Gorrie, is acting as locum tenens at All Saints', Collingwood, for the Rector, the Rev. C. S. McGaffin.

Rev. R. C. Johnstone, LL.D., has spent his vacation in the south, and is taking duties at St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, for August.

Archdeacon Maltby, of Fort Francis, and Rev. L. A. Todd, of Lac du Bonnet, both in the diocese of Keewatin, were recent visitors in Winnipeg.

Prof. T. H. Cotton, of Wycliffe College, is to spend the remainder of August at Burndick, Severn River. He has been in charge of Emmanuel Church, Hanlan's Point, for the sum-

Capt., Rev. H. T. Blake, formerly Rector of St. James' Anglican Church at Rivers, Man., has recently been appointed to a Chaplaincy in the British Army. Mr. Blake was married in England a few weeks ago.

Pte. Joseph Ewart Moore, who for several years was organist and choirmaster of St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, Teulon, Man., gave his life in the service of his country when the S.S. "Llandovery Castle" was sunk off the coast of Ireland.

Rev. Leslie Armitage, Rector of St. James', London, Ont., is spending August at Muskoka and Cobourg. On the anniversary of the declaration of the war he preached in the church at Sparrow Lake, which was crowded by the boys from Massey Camp.

The Rev. Canon Welch, Vicar of Wakefield, and at one time Rector of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, has been nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Rectory of Southchurch, near Southend, Essex. Southchurch is in the diocese of Chelmsford.

At the opening of a day nursery at Stuart-Crescent, Wood Green, a speaker said that while a great many Orders had been given to more people than wanted them, no one had thought of creating the Order of the British Cradle, to be given to mothers who brought up their children well, under difficulties.

Mr. George P. Beal, a well-known leather merchant, died at his late residence in Toronto on August 4th, after an illness of several weeks. He was a member of St. Stephen's Church. He was 69 years of age. The funeral service took place on August 7th, at St. Stephen's, and it was under Masonic auspices.

Large bequests have been made, amounting to over £100,000, to missionary societies and other organizations in England under the will of the late Dame Pearce, widow of Sir William Pearce, Bt., M.P. Amongst these bequests Dame Pearce left the sum of £10,000 each to the C.M.S., C.P.A.S., and the Bible Society. The C.E.Z.M.T. and the C. and C.CS. are left £5,000 a-piece.

Rev. Dr. Albert Leonard Murray, of Evansville, Indiana, has been elected first Rector of St. John's, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. St. John's is being organized with a view to the Church in the coming democracy, and has in its membership families who are former members of Grace Church, and of Dr. J. Fort Newton's former congregation and many families who had no Church affiliations in Cedar Rapids.

Bishop Burch, Co-adjutor Bishop of New York, visited Trinity Church, New York, on Sunday, July 28th, and officiated at a service of unusual interest and profound solemnity. A short time ago a troop ship arrived in an Atlantic port having aboard a large body of "Anzacs" on their way to the battlefields overseas. While on their six weeks' voyage from Australia the Chaplain accompanying them prepared twenty-eight men for confirmation, and presented them at this ser-

In Capetown the Mayor has recently introduced a two-minutes' pause at mid-day, when opportunity is given to everyone to spend that period in prayer to God. Immediately the midday gun is fired, the Last Post is sounded from the balcony of the Mansion House Chambers. Passengers in the streets take off their hats and silence is observed throughout the city. The effect of this silence is tremendous. Why could we not do this in all our cities and villages in Canada?

The Rev. S. Baring-Gould has been elected an honorary Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge. Mr. Baring-Gould is now in his eighty-fifth year, and he is still able to carry out his duties as Rector of Lew Trenchard. He has published a host of books, including several novels of considerable merit. Perhaps he is more widely known as the author of "Onward, 'Christian soldiers," which he composed while he was Curate of Horbury, near Wakefield, for the local Sunday School anniversary.

"Is it possible for groups of people in many of our cities, towns, and even villages, to undertake some form of company-farming?" This question is being asked in a circular letter just issued by the Organization of Resources Committee of Ontario. The idea is to enlarge the activities from community gardening schemes to grain production on farm lands. Groups of business men and others in urban centres are urged to organize now in order to take over good vacant land in the neighbourhood and get it ready for cultivation so that it may produce a 1919 crop. Company-farming operations are now being carried out with a great deal of success at St. Catharines, Sarnia, Windsor, Owen Sound, Weston and Oshawa.

\* \* \* \* Baron D'Abernon, chairman of the National Board of Control, England, dealing with the drink problem, recently said: "The regulations limiting the hours of sale, providing for the dilution of spirits and beer and forbidding treating, have resulted in remarkable decreases in drunkenness and the diseases incidental to drinking. The level of drunkenness to-day is about half that of a year ago, when it was one-third that of the pre-war time. There has been a general decrease of about 83 per cent, in drinking among both men and women. The progress of improvement has been so rapid and continuous that the Government is fully satisfied, and no further restrictions are contemplated. The reduction in intemperance has been larger in this country during the period since the restrictions went into effect than is shown anywhere else in the world."

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