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was stamped, "Recovered by divers from the wreck of the steamship 'Empress of Ireland,'" and had come from the Dead Letter Office at Ottawa. Posted at New Glasgow, N.S., on May 25th of last year, the letter had gone down with the big vessel, the wreck of which in the St. Lawrence cost more than a thousand lives, and though under water for months, it reached London in surprisingly good condition. The mucilage which had held firm the flap of the envelope was gone, the stamp was missing, and in places the ink of the address had run. The letter itself, however, was perfectly legible.

Mr. Walter Reginald Strickland, formerly a member of St. Thomas' Church and one of the best-known architects in Toronto, died in Lakefield on Saturday morning. He was born in Lakefield in 1841, the son of the late Col. Samuel Strickland, of Norfolk, England. He was a nephew of the late Agnes Strickland, the English historian. He received his education as an architect under the late Mr. Kivas Tulley, and was senior partner in the firm of Strickland, Symons & Rea. The Union Station was built by them. Two sons and two daughters survive. Harry F., Chief Electrical Inspector of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission; Reginald W., with the second contingent; Mrs. Harry F. Mytton, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Rolleston-Tate, of Lakefield.

"Business as usual," the motto which the British tradesman adopted early in the course of the war, applies even to the business man who is on duty in the firing line. An instance of this is seen in the announcement that the annual meeting of the board of directors of the firm of Vacher & Sons, official printers in the British Parliament, was held "in the trenches," all the directors of the company being on duty at the front in France. The minutes of this unique directors' meeting are as follows: "A meeting of the directors was held in a dug-out in the trenches on December 24th, 1914. The directors were unable to deal with the minutes of the last meeting owing to the absence of the minute book. The accounts received from the company's auditors for the financial year ending September 30th were considered and approved, subject to confirmation at the general meeting of the company. The directors present regretted the absence of their colleague, Captain Claude Low, whose whereabouts at the front are unknown to them. There being no other business to transact, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman."

India's enthusiastic co-operation in the war is indicated in the Official Gazette of India just received by the Government at Ottawa, and containing a remarkable series of speeches by members of the Indian Council. Seventeen of the Indian members spoke to a resolution proposed by one of them expressing the determination of the people of India to support the British Government to the utmost, and requesting the Government of India to permit the people to share in the financial burden imposed by the war. Each one asserted the justice of the Empire's cause in the war, acknowledged the maintenance of British rule in India as an essential condition of the moral and material progress of the country, and proclaimed the determination of the people of India that they, with the peoples of the other dominions of the Empire, were ready to devote all their men and resources to the maintenance of the Empire. All the members spoke of the despatch of the expeditionary force from India, and the striking feature of this is that the sentiment of India is one of extreme gratitude to the Government for permitting Indians to take part in the

struggle. Their pride of race has been aroused apparently as never before.

The Rev. S. C. Webb, of the Church Missionary Society, has just arrived in London from Palestine. The party included the Rev. Henry Sykes, M.A., the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sterling, the Rev. S. C. and Mrs. Webb, Rev. Mr. Payne, Dr. Paterson, Mr. Dunn, Miss Forder (whose father is at present in prison in Jerusalem), the Rev. and Mrs. Thompson and five children (connected with an American Missionary Society), the Rev. Canon Hichens and Mr. Reynolds. Five of this number serve the C.M.S., and the others belong to other agencies. For eight weeks the missionaries were kept in internment in Jerusalem, and but for the influence of Dr. Glazebrook, the American consul, they would have been removed to Damascus. Originally, the party left Jerusalem under orders from Constantinople, which stated that all members of religious orders were to be released. Exception was taken by the Turkish officials to Protestants, whom they said did not belong to religious orders. Dr. Glazebrook, however, by great tact and firmness managed to get them through. On arrival at Jaffa the Turkish military commander again tried to prevent the men of the party from leaving the port, until Dr. Glazebrook told him that he would not leave the quay until the whole of the missionaries were allowed to embark. Not until the commander had seen the American cruiser "Tennessee" steam across the horizon did he give permission for the male members of the party to leave.

British and Foreign

Captain Bernard Montgomery, who has been awarded the D.S.O. for conspicuous gallantry on the field of action, is the son of Bishop Montgomery, the revered Clerical Secretary of the S.P.G.

The Right Rev. Bishop Ormsby, the Assistant Bishop of Newcastle and Archdeacon of Lindisfarne, received a most welcome New Year's present of a landaulette motor-car from his friends in Northumberland.

The little village of Colaton, Raleigh, East Devon, has sent thirty-two men to the war, and has lost all its choirmen by its loyalty. Two of the gallant villagers have already sacrificed their lives for their country.

The Rev. Canon T. C. Gibbs died recently in England in his 95th year. In 1848 he became Rector of Coates, near Cirencester, and he remained there for 65 years. When he retired in 1913 he was the oldest incumbent in the diocese.

Every man in last year's Oxford rowing eight, thirteen out of the fifteen Rugby Blues, and all the lawn tennis six now hold commissions in His Majesty's Army. The entire Bullingdon Club and the Vampires of Brasenose have joined the Army, and many of the colleges have nearly all their rooms empty.

Striking evidence of the important place airmen now play in "the Forces of the King" is afforded by the fact

that the Rev. L. J. Walters, Vicar of Hoo, Rochester, has been appointed chaplain to the naval air station on the Medway. Mr. Walters regularly conducts services in the aerodrome, and uses the seat of an airship as his "pulpit."

Fifty years as Vicar of the same parish! That is the record of the Rev. G. R. C. Pughe, who was appointed Vicar of Mellor, Blackburn, in 1864. A native of Wales, he was ordained by the Bishop of St. Asaph as far back as 1857. Two years later he went to St. Peter's, Blackburn, and has remained in the district ever since. Notwithstanding his eighty-four years, Mr. Pughe is wonderfully active.

The report of the Savings Bank of South Australia for the year ended June 30th show that the residents of that State still maintain their position of being among the most thrifty of the peoples of the world. The business of the institution for the twelve months was most satisfactory, increases being recorded in all departments. The total amount held by depositors on June 30th was £9,036,633, an addition for the year of £410,533. More than half the inhabitants of the State have accounts with the bank, the proportion of depositors to population being about 56 in every 100 persons.

Boys and Girls FROM THE JAWS OF A SHARK

(A True Story.)

There is a small Museum in London that is not very well known, but it is full of interesting things. It is situated in the old Palace of Whitehall, where some of our kings and queens used to live. The banquetting hall of the Palace has a beautifully painted ceiling; and a tablet by the door tells us that King Charles I. passed that way to the scaffold, which was built outside one of the windows. But now the banquetting hall is used as the Royal United Service Museum, and is full of relics of our Army and Navy, plans and models of battles by sea and land, important documents relating to them, guns and armour, and all sorts of curiosities. But one of the strangest of the exhibits is shown in a glass case on the wall. It contains the jaws of a shark and a bundle of papers! The papers are a little discoloured, but quite readable, and a very curious story is attached to them.

More than a hundred years ago, in 1799, England was at war with the United States of America, which had only lately gained their Independence. British men-of-war and their cutters kept a close look-out near the West Indies in order to capture any American vessels that might pass. An American brig called "The Nancy"

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