

Personal & General

New Zealand has adopted compulsory military service, which will affect all men from the ages of 20 to 46. * * * *

The number of communicants in the parish of Trinity Church, New York, is now 9,191, which is the largest number in its history. * * * *

The bones of a human being will bear three times as great a pressure as oak, and nearly as much as wrought iron, without being crushed. * * * *

The colours of the Canadian Grenadiers have been deposited in Canterbury Cathedral for safe-keeping during the remainder of the war. * * * *

The Rev. J. A. Mayo, Vicar of St. Anne's, Poole Park, Holloway, London, has been appointed to the important Rectory of Whitechapel, London. * * * *

Rev. Walter Cox, the Rector of Gananoque, was elected Grand Warden at the recently held meeting of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F. of Ontario at Chatham, Ont. * * * *

The Rev. G. D. Oakley, Vicar of St. Mary's, Birkenhead, England, has been appointed to the important Vicarage of Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in succession to Canon Inskip. * * * *

Rev. Irving P. Johnson, D.D., Professor of Church History in the Seabury Divinity School, has notified his acceptance of his election to the Bishop-Coadjutorship of Colorado. * * * *

Mr. G. H. Kilmer, Mrs. Kilmer and their daughter sailed for England last Saturday to see their son, Capt. Kilmer, who was so badly wounded with shell fire that his right leg had to be amputated. * * * *

The new special hospital for convalescent soldiers, which has been established by the Canadian Red Cross at Buxton, in Derbyshire, was formally opened by the Duchess of Devonshire on July 11th. * * * *

Earl Kitchener was indeed a type of that simple, manly, straightforward Christianity which we associate with the best English laity, which does not trouble itself indeed about subtle questions and controversies, but rests on the broad facts of revelation, and in simplicity practises its tenets. * * * *

Rev. E. J. Peck, superintendent of the Arctic Missions, in the Diocese of Moosonee, left on S.S. "Nascopie" for Lake Harbour and the Hudson Bay Missions. He will stay with the steamer, making calls. This will give him a few days at each station. He asks for the prayers of the Church. * * * *

There are many indications that amidst the clash and din of war the thoughts of the men at the front are turning to higher things. Many cases of renewed spiritual earnestness have been recorded, while the hearts of many who were careless and indifferent in the past have been touched. * * * *

The congregation of St. Matthew's, South Boston, recently observed the centenary of that church. An inter-

esting fact in connection with the building, is that it was the first church of the Anglican Communion ever established in Boston and, perhaps, in all the New England States after the Revolution. * * * *

Rev. Cyril A. Alington, Headmaster of Shrewsbury School since 1908, has been elected Headmaster of Eton. The Rev. C. Alington is an Oxonian, Late Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford. He was ordained in 1899 and was appointed to his present post in 1908. Two years later he was appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Lichfield. He is 40 years of age. * * * *

Amongst those who have lost their lives recently at the front was Captain Blake, Oxford (Bucks) L.I., who was killed on the 23rd of July. He was the eldest son of the late E. F. Blake, of Toronto, and grandson of Hon. Edward Blake. He was studying for the Bar at the outbreak of the war, and went to England in June, 1915. He went to the front last November, and had recently assumed command of a company. He fell gallantly leading his men against enemy trenches. * * * *

A very interesting although little known personality is Mr. Charles Macpherson, who succeeded Sir George Martin as organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, England. He has spent so much of his life at the Cathedral that he has almost become part of it. As a boy he was educated at the Choir School; as a young man of twenty-five he received his appointment as sub-organist, which he held for over twenty years, and was married in the Cathedral. His wife is the daughter of Canon Newbolt. Weddings in the Cathedral are very rare, St. Paul's not being licensed for that purpose, and for Mr. Macpherson's wedding a special license from the Archbishop and the consent of Dean and Chapter had to be obtained. * * * *

In the town of Bradford, Wilts, England, a unique memorial will be erected to Flight Lieutenant Warneford, who brought down a Zeppelin from an aeroplane last summer, and was himself killed with an American journalist in a flying accident a few days later. The memorial will be erected by the contributions of the Warneford family in all parts of the world, including the British Isles, France, Italy, India, New Zealand, Canada and Antigua. The famous exploit of young Warneford has reunited the family, many members of which had entirely got out of touch with their kinsfolk. The Rev. H. L. Warneford, who organized the memorial work, is to write a family history. The earliest known Warneford was instructor in Greek to Charlemagne, the great conqueror. * * * *

An invalided officer came to a Y.M.-C.A. meeting being conducted in Egypt and said that as some boats were coming down the Tigris with sick and wounded soldiers, tired, exposed and miserable, at a certain point a medical officer and two Y.M.-C.A. officers came on board, bringing protection from the weather, blankets, medical supplies and attention and hot coffee, and the officer added: "Important as these were, what was even more welcome, bringing spiritual cheer and comfort." The officer stated in this meeting, at which he had asked the privilege of speaking, that he had never made any profession of Christianity and, as a matter of fact, had never been interested, but that after this experience he wanted to take this early opportunity to say that from that time on he wished to be known as a follower of Christ and an exponent of His religion. * * * *

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