

Personal & General

His Grace the Archbishop of York will conduct the 'Three Hours' Service on Good Friday in Trinity Church, New York.

Miss Dorothea Bidwell, the eldest daughter of the Bishop of Ontario, will shortly leave for England to work as a V.A.D.

The Bishop of Fredericton, the Right Rev. Dr. Richardson, preached in Westminster Abbey on a recent Sunday evening.

The Archbishop of Nova Scotia was the special Lenten preacher at Trinity Church, New York, on February 18-21, both days inclusive.

Archdeacon Davidson, Rector of Guelph, was the special preacher at the noon-day services at Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, last week.

The Rev. Joseph Fennell, of Toronto, who has been ill for some time past, is now better and is slowly recovering his health once more.

Dr. Grenfell, of Labrador, has been obliged to cancel the remainder of his engagements in Canada on account of illness and he has gone south to recuperate.

It is an interesting fact that more than three-quarters of the voluntary contributions to the London Hospital Fund in 1917 was donated by members of the Church of England.

The Rev. L. J. Donaldson, Rector of Trinity Church, Halifax, is at present in Toronto in the interests of the fund it is hoped to be able to raise for the restoration of the ruined churches.

The Rev. L. J. Donaldson, the Rector of Trinity Church, Halifax, N.S., preached in St. Simon's Church, on Sunday morning last, his subject being "The Halifax Disaster." At the evening service the Rev. Provost Macklem, the first Rector of St. Simon's, was the preacher.

Rev. A. G. Wilken, Chaplain, formerly of the diocese of Qu'Appelle, who was taken prisoner some time ago, has been released and has arrived in Holland from Germany. During his imprisonment he has conducted theological classes for other prisoners who were reading for Holy Orders.

With the approval of the King the Distinguished Service Order has been conferred upon Lieut.-Comdr. A. G. Tippet, R.N., and the Military Cross upon Capt. J. A. Tippet, R.A.M.C. Both men are nephews of Mr. W. H. Tippet, Toronto, and Mr. Arthur P. Tippet, Montreal, where they have other relatives.

Major John Cecil has been awarded the Military Cross. Major Cecil is the third son of the Bishop of Exeter and Lady Florence Cecil, and has been on the Salonika Front. It will be remembered that all the Bishop's sons have been in the army, two of them having sacrificed their lives. The second son has been twice wounded.

The Revs. W. Earp and F. S. Ford, of the Kangra Mission in India, are both in Toronto at present. They will be available for deputation work in that city and neighbourhood during the month of March, and clergy who would like to secure a visit from either can make arrangements by telephoning the offices of the M.S.C.C.

Pte. Arthur Brooke, son of Rev. H. A. Brooke, Vicar of Christ Church, Deer Park, Toronto, is back home again. He is a student of Trinity College, Toronto, '18, and went overseas with the 19th Battalion. After 16 months at the front he was wounded and was for several months in an English hospital before being invalided home to Canada.

The Rev. Robert Le Roy Harris, was consecrated Bishop-Coadjutor of Marquette, Mich., in St. Mark's, Toledo, Ohio, of which he had been Rector for the past nine years. Six Bishops and one Archbishop, the Most Rev. George Thorneloe, Archbishop of Algoma and Metropolitan of Ontario, took part in the act of consecration. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Michigan. The consecration took place on February 7th.

The pyramids of Egypt are thirty-eight in number, and stretch for some fifty geographical miles along the western reach of the Nile valley, just where the Libian desert and the cultivated land struggle for extension, or from nearly opposite Heliopolis to past the site of Memphis. Of the whole number, only one, the first, most northern, or "Great Pyramid," is a true pyramid; thirty-four are mere imitations—i.e., only approximately true—while the remaining three scarcely deserve to be classed as pyramids at all.

The consecration of Canon White as Bishop of Newfoundland has once more been postponed and it will now take place (D.V.), at St. John's, Newfoundland, on Sunday, March 10th. The Bishops of Montreal and Quebec are expected to accompany the Archbishop of Nova Scotia to Newfoundland as previously arranged, but the Bishop of Toronto has been obliged, owing to the further change of date and the difficulty of once again rearranging the dates of his own diocesan engagements, to withdraw his promise of being present and taking part in the service.

In a letter received in London from the Bishop of Jerusalem, he gives some interesting particulars of his work among the British troops during the period preceding the operations which culminated in the surrender of the Holy City. He states that it was a standing joke in the camp that now that the Bishop was on his way to Jerusalem a big push must be made to clear the way for him. In the space of four days he confirmed 296 officers and men, and on one day he lectured upon Palestine for over an hour, with General Allenby in the chair.

The Synod of the diocese of South Tokyo, Japan, when it meets in March will have before it the important proposition of the election of a Japanese priest to the Bishopric. Bishop Cecil considers that the time has come when a Japanese diocesan Bishop should be consecrated. To facilitate this scheme he proposes to resign his See. But he further suggests that he himself should become Suffragan in his old diocese to the new Japanese Bishop of South Tokyo. He confesses with sorrow that after eight years he knows he will never learn the Japanese language adequately. Moreover, as Suffragan, he could assist greatly, and especially in relation to the Europeans in the diocese. The General Synod of the Nippon Sei Kokwai has given its approval, so have the Archbishop of Canterbury and the presiding Bishop of the United States. Bishop Cecil was formerly Bishop of Dorking, England, and at the time of the Pan-Anglican Congress in 1908, offered himself for work in the Mission field, and this fresh offer to take a subordinate position in his own diocese, is only further evidence of the spirit which animates him.

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