

Personal & General

The Rev. Canon Hedley, Rector of Port Arthur, who is serving as overseas Chaplain in England, has resigned his parish.

Captain the Rev. C. E. Jeakins, Brantford, Ont., addressed the battalion Chaplains at the Exhibition Camp, Toronto, on Monday last.

Canon C. S. Woodward, Precentor of Southwark Cathedral, England, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery at the front.

Bishop Cheney, one of the leaders in the formation of the Reformed Episcopal Church, died in Chicago on November 15th in his eighty-first year.

The number of Y.M.C.A. buildings has increased from 359 in 1900 to 782 in 1916, and the value of the buildings from \$21,600,000 to \$83,300,000.

Canadian casualties to date show that 9,457 have been killed in action, 3,477 died of wounds and 3,272 missing. There have been over 60,000 casualties reported.

The Rev. J. B. Fotheringham, Rector of Goderich, is reported to have been offered the rectorship of Grace Church, Brantford, as successor to Archdeacon Mackenzie, resigned.

Canon C. H. Rolt, Vicar of Huddersfield, England, has been appointed Dean of Cape Town. He was one of the fifty clergy who took part in the Mission of Help in 1904 in South Africa.

Dr. Victor Moorhouse, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Moorhouse, of Spadina Avenue, Toronto, has been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service on the battlefield.

The Bishop of New York has suggested to the clergy of his diocese that the collections taken up on Thanksgiving Day be used for the suffering victims of the war, and they will, unless otherwise directed, be turned over to the Red Cross Society.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have intimated to the Central Council of the National Mission their desire to nominate a Central Continuation Committee of some twelve or fifteen persons who can "give a consecutive character to the work" during the remainder of the present year and in 1917.

There was recently held in St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity parish, New York City, a celebration of the Holy Communion in classical Chinese. The celebrant was Chi-Ching Yen, B.A., a graduate of Boone University, China, who is now studying at Columbia University and at the General Theological Seminary, New York.

The marvel of these days is the military mail service, which enables the soldiers of the Empire to send home 5,000,000 letters each week and to receive 7,500,000 letters and 700,000 parcels weekly. And all this mail matter crosses oceans or seas and channels and international boundaries with a very small percentage of errors in delivery.

The Anglican missions in India are suffering severely for the want of men, a direct outcome of the war. The Rev. W. E. S. Holland, Prin-

cipal of St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College at Calcutta, in a letter written to a friend in the United States, says that two of the men on his staff have been killed and several others who were to have come out have enlisted.

Wolfe's Memorial at Westminster.—Quite apart from historical associations, no better spot could have been selected at Westminster Abbey than the Wolfe Memorial on which are the colours of the Canadian regiments while they are at the front. Being colossal, the monument gives ample accommodation for the ever-growing pile of flags.

The Convention of the Diocese of New York at its recent meeting adopted resolutions favouring total abstinence, co-operation with all active temperance forces in urging not only total abstinence on the individual, but also in favouring any legislation, such as an optional prohibition bill, which will give the people a chance to speak for themselves on the question of license or no license.

St. George's Church, Ottawa, had a debt of \$14,000 in 1902 on which the congregation was paying \$840 a year interest. The principal has been reduced to \$5,500 and will be entirely wiped off in another 13 years, by their debenture plan, without its being a great burden to anyone. This parish has an honour roll of 171, nine of whom are nurses and two in the navy. Fourteen others have laid down their lives.

Lieut. Gordon H. Smith, son of Dr. Harley Smith, formerly Italian Consul in Toronto, and now in the medical service overseas, narrowly escaped death when flying shrapnel penetrated his pillow, scraped the edges of his Prayer Book underneath and tore into the pages. The Prayer Book has been received by the father. Lieut. Smith had previously been recommended for the D.S.O. for gallantry. When the piece of shrapnel ripped and tore into the pages it stopped at the words: "Send unto them help from above, and evermore mightily defend them."

An interesting supplement to a statement published lately with regard to the courage of the English clergy now acting as Chaplains at the front (called in question by a Jesuit paper), comes from the Bishop of London. The Bishop read a letter from a Middlesex soldier, who wrote: "Our padre is a grand chap. He's with us everywhere." Holding up a copy of an illustrated paper, the Bishop said that there was "the picture of a chaplain's tunic after he had smothered a bomb which was about to explode, and thus saved seven men. "And he was a parson," he added. "This is the answer to the people who say our clergy are cowards."

A special War Mission was held in the city of Ottawa, November 12th to 19th. The churches chosen as Mission centres were: Christ Church Cathedral, missionary, Rev. F. H. Brewin, M.A., Woodstock, Ont.; St. Alban's, missionary, Right Rev. Dr. Roper; St. Matthew's, missionary, Rev. Canon Kittson, Ottawa; and St. John's, missionary, Rev. R. C. Blarave, D.D., Belleville. Their Excellencies, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, attended St. Alban's Church, Sunday, the 19th, for the closing service of the Mission in that centre. Considerable interest was manifested during the course of the Mission and many problems were solved for those who attended.

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