

Personal & General

Monday, October 1st, has been fixed by the Secretary of State, for Thanksgiving Day.

The Rev. Canon Boydell, Rector of Sudbury, who has been very ill, is, we are glad to know, recovering.

Word has just been received of the death, in England, of Lieut. Harold Wilkinson, eldest son of the Rev. F. Wilkinson, Toronto.

The Rev. J. F. Morris, M.A., recently appointed Rector of the parish of Verdun (Diocese of Montreal), commenced his new work on September 2nd.

The Bishops of Saskatchewan and Athabasca, expect to attend the various meetings to be held in Ottawa, towards the end of the present month.

The Rev. G. F. Kingston, lecturer in King's College, Windsor, N.S., took the services in St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, Ont., on Sunday, September 2nd.

The Rt. Rev. J. C. Roper, Bishop of Ottawa, held an ordination on September 1st at Smith's Falls, when the candidate was the Rev. George Halstead, of Moncton parish.

The British War Office has announced its decision to organize a Jewish Brigade to be employed on the Mesopotamia Front. There are some 40,000 Jews in the British Army.

Captain the Rev. Canon Shatford has been promoted to the rank of major. We congratulate him most heartily on his advancement, which we feel certain is richly deserved.

The Archbishop of Nova Scotia has called a meeting of the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada for October 2nd. The meeting is to be held in the city of Montreal.

The Ven. Archdeacon Potter and Mrs. Potter, of Cyprus and Syria, spent last week in Toronto on his way to England. The Archdeacon has travelled practically round the world since leaving Cyprus last spring.

Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Anderson, of Ottawa, leave for Brandon, Man., on the 18th inst., where Mr. Anderson has been appointed Rector of St. Matthew's Church. Miss Winnifred Anderson will remain in Ottawa for a while.

The Bishops of Keewatin, Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan and Kootenay are to assist in M.S.C.C. deputation work in Eastern Canada from September 23rd to November 4th. They will be in the Diocese of Montreal from September 30th to October 5th.

Rev. T. C. Mellor was inducted Rector of St. Luke's Church, Annapolis Royal, N.S., in succession to the late Rev. Mr. How, on Sunday, September 2nd, by the Ven. Archdeacon Martell, of Windsor, N.S., in the absence of Archbishop Worrell.

The Rev. H. Stannage Boyle, D.D., President of King's College, Windsor, N.S., has returned from a visit to Chicago, where he attended a meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America. Dr. Boyle is presi-

dent of the Canadian Fraternal Association.

The Bishop of Tinnevely and Madura, India, who is a brother of the Rev. Dr. Waller, Principal of Huron College, London, Ont., has lost his only son, Charles Raymond Waller, Sub-Lieutenant. The latter, who was 19 years of age, was killed in training as an aviator.

The Very Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott sailed on September 1st for overseas. He goes to work for nine months among Canadian soldiers in Y.M.C.A. camps. At his last service in Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, some fifteen hundred persons were unable to gain admittance to the church.

The funeral of the late Sergt-Major R. T. Coote, of Hamilton, Ont., which took place on the 5th inst., was one of the largest ever witnessed in that city. The service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Renison. Among those present were Captains the Rev. C. E. Jeakins, of Brantford, and Canon Daw, of Hamilton, both of whom are returned Chaplains.

The Ven. T. J. Dennis, Archdeacon of Southern Nigeria and a missionary of the Church Missionary Society, perished as the result of a torpedo attack on the steamer by which he and his wife were returning to England. His wife was saved. The Archdeacon has left valuable translations, his main work being in connection with a translation of the Bible which placed the Word of God within reach of 4,000,000 Ibo-speaking people.

Our soldiers in Mesopotamia are in a land which is full of Biblical associations, and they are constantly sending home interesting details of the historic spots they have visited. Writing in a recent issue of the "Field" (London), Lieutenant R. Livesey tells of a visit he paid to Abraham's birthplace, Ur of the Chaldees. In this locality Lieutenant Livesey found some bricks inscribed with cuneiform writing. The inscription is similar to some bricks in the British Museum, and refers to Bur-Sin, who was king of Ur in B.C. 2450.

Many precedents may be found for the presence upon battlefields of British queens, but Queen Mary has assuredly established one record. She has been present in two continents during the progress of hostilities. As Princess of Wales she reached South Africa while the war was in progress; now journeying into France, she has witnessed evidences of hostilities as no queen ever saw. And who shall now say that we cannot keep secrets, that the German spy is ubiquitous? None but the select few knew a word of the visit until the story was revealed in the official report—"The Daily Chronicle" (London.)

Lieutenant Robert Hamilton Bliss, youngest son of the Rev. Canon Bliss, of the Diocese of Ottawa, has won his Captain's commission on the field of honour in France. He enlisted as a private in the first year of the war and went overseas with the 21st Battalion. After the first winter in the trenches as a N.C.O. he won his commission as lieutenant and was attached to the 19th Battalion, and has been with his regiment in the great drive of this year. A daughter of Canon Bliss is a Nursing Sister in charge of one of the wards of the large McGill Hospital in France. She went over with the McGill unit the first year of the war.

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