

British and Joreign

The aged Dean of York (Dr. Purey-Cust), celebrated his 87th birthday on a recent Sunday and he was presented by the children of the Minster Choir with their customary gift of flowers. Dr. Purey-Cust was appointed Dean of York in 1880.

Owing to a continuance of illhealth the Bishop of Goulburn, Australia, Dr. Barlow, is about to resign his See, which he has held since 1902. He is the senior of the Australian prelates, having been consecrated Bishop of North Queensland in 1891.

In receiving the appointment of Honorary Chaplain to the King, the Rev. J. G. McCormick, Vicar of St. Michael's, Chester Square, London, proceeds to an office which was held by his father under three successive Sovereigns. The late Canon McCormick, the Rector of St. James', Piccadilly, was Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the late Queen Victoria and Honorary Chaplain to King Edward and afterwards to King George. Like his father, who was once Captain of the Cambridge XI., and who also rowed for his University in 1856, being thus a double "Blue," Mr. McCormick is an enthusiastic cricketer, and he has played oftentimes for his county.

An officer who acted as escort to the Bishop of London on his Easter tour along the British battlefront, contributes an account of the journey, in the course of which he says: "The Bishop passed along the entire front, often well within range of the German guns, and through places devastated by shell fire, so that those who were responsible for his safety had many anxious moments. The Bishop spent Palm Sunday at general headquarters. Not the least significant service on that day was a confirmation, to which some 70 men were brought. He held two other confirmations during the week end."

The Bishop-Suffragan of Stafford, the Rev. E. A. Were, D.D., died at Lichfield, on the 9th inst., after a long illness. The Right Rev. Ed-ward Ash Were, D.D., canon residentiary of Lichfield since 1909, Archdeacon of Derby since 1901, was born at Clifton on November 14, 1846. He was educated at Rugby and at New College, Oxford. He was assistant master of Winchester College from 1870 until 1880; Vicar of North Bradley, Wiltshire, from 1880 until 1885; Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwell from 1885 to 1889; Vicar of St. Werburgh's, Derby, from 1889 to 1900, and later became Bishop-Suffragan of Derby. Dr. Were has been Bishop of Stafford in the Diocese of Lichfield since 1000.

Boys and Girls SPRING AT THE DOOR

The crocus had slept in his little round house.

So soundly the whole winter through; There came a tap-tapping-'twas Spring at the door;

"Up! Up! We are waiting for you!" The crocus peeped out from his little

brown house And nodded his gay little head;

"Good-morning, Miss Snowdrop, and how do you do

This fine chilly morning?" he said. -Selected.

THE LAWYER GAVE UP

A young German was being tried in court, and the questioning by the lawyers on the opposite side began: "Now, Muller, what do you do?" "Ven?" asked the German. "When you work, of course," said the lawyer. "Vy, I vork-"" "I know," said the lawyer, "but what at?" "At a bench." "Oh, goodness!" groaned the lawyer. "Where do you work at a bench?" "In a vactory." "What kind of a factory?" "Brick." "You make bricks?" "No; de vactory is made of bricks." "Now, Muller, listen," said the lawyer; "what do you make in that factory?" "Eight tollars a week." "No, no! What does the factory make?" "I dunno; a lot uv money, I tink." Now, listen! What kind of goods does the factory produce." "Oh," said the German; "good goods." "I know, but what kind of good goods?" "The best." "The best of what?" "The best there is." "Of what?" "Of dose goods." "Your honour," said the lawyer, "I give up." ***

SIR J. JELLICOE AND A BLIND GIRL

Kathleen Torr, a little blind girl of York, has received a letter from Admiral Jellicoe thanking her for the gift of a woolen scarf which she had knitted. With the scarf she sent a letter in braille saying that she would be the happiest little girl in England if Admiral Jellicoe would accept the gift, and adding: "All the other blind girls thank you and all the brave soldiers and sailors for defending us." She has received the following reply, says the "Yorkshire Herald," from Sir John's secretary:-"Dear Kathleen,-Admiral Sir John Jellicoe has told me to answer your nice letter to him, and to thank you very much indeed for the beautiful scarf which you have sent him. The Admiral thinks it is very clever of you to knit so splendidly when you cannot see what you are doing, and he thinks it very kind of you to do it all for him. Directly the Admiral saw the scarf he put it on, and said, 'I shall put on dear little Kathleen's scarf when I am very cold.' Of course, it is very cold in the North Sea, and very stormy, too; sometimes the snow falls so heavily

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that we cannot see at all where we are going, and very often great seas sweep right over the ship. We often pass German mines floating about in the water, and we know that if we did not see them, but ran into them, the Iron Duke would be blown up, and while we feel that by God's help our ships are keeping the Germans from land. ing in England and being very cruel to all our girls and boys, it is a very great comfort to us to know that dear little girls like you are thinking of us, and praying for us, and giving up your spare time to work for us. The Admiral loves little girls very much. and he has four little daughters of his own."



BRITISH OFFICER'S **IRON CROSS**

Here is a thrilling story from a motor car driver at the front. As he rightly says, "It will never be surpassed in the whole history."

I entitle my story, "The Three Crosses." You will read why. It seems wonderful that the very man who in civil life, at the slightest skid or accident to a car, seems on the verge of fainting, should out here prove to be the bravest of the brave.

The officer I am writing of is such a person, and frequently when driving him at home I have smiled at his nervousness, and thought, if that's how you act here how would you behave under fire? Now that question is answered. He was in charge of a half company of the --- before Ypres, and, what with the continuous rain and remaining in wet clothing day after day, it's a marvel that the men were alive at all. The enemy made several violent attacks during the early morning, but, as usual, unsuccessful. Night approached, and the grim ceremony of burying the dead and removing the wounded is carried out under heavy fire; not a man dare even light a match for his cigarette but it brought a hail of bullets, and this was soon stopped. We were astounded at daybreak to see they had even returned and collected their wounded, with the exception of one man, who lay groaning in agony. He was just half way between the trenches, and, although firing still continued, I'm glad to say



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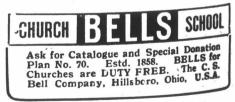
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