### Personal & General

Rev. J. A. Ballard, Rector of Grimsby, Ont., has been staying in Halifax.

Mr. N. F. Davidson, K.C., of Toronto, is reported to be making a satisfactory recovery in the General Hospital.

Archdeacon Armitage has almost recovered from his eye trouble, and preached on Sundays, 3rd and 10th August, in St. Paul's, Halifax.

The Rev. A. P. Banks, of Port Elmsley, in the Diocese of Ottawa, has been appointed to the charge of St. Mark's, Newport, in the Diocese of Vermont, U.S.A.

The engagement is announced of Rev. A. R. Kelly, Curate of St. Matthew's, Quebec, to Miss Mary Scott, daughter of the Rev. Canon Scott, of Quebec.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attended Divine service in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec, at 11 o'clock, on Sunday morning, August 24th. The sermon was preached by the Dean.

On August 6th the Bench of Bishops of the Church of Ireland met in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and elected Bishop D'Arcy as Archbishop of Dublin, in succession to Archbishop Bernard, now Provost of Trinity College.

The Church Missionary Society of England are including in their present thankoffering appeal a request for £25,000 for the Missionary Society of the Canadian Church, to enable it to carry on its Indian and Eskimo work.

On August 13th, Canon J. R. De-Wolfe Cowie, Rector of Fredericton and Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, was married to Miss Margaret Gertrude Helen Hayward, of Woodstock, N.B., in the parish church at Woodstock. The Canon published his own banns.

According to figures contained in the Canada Year Book for 1918, the birth rate per 1,000 is highest in Quebec, with 38.64 births per 1,000 living, and lowest in British Columbia with 13.3. Ontario stands at 24.14, Nova Scotia at 25.12, Manitoba at 38.35, Saskatchewan at 29.70, Alberta at 26.85 and Prince Edward Island at 17.04.

The Australian Government has arranged the sale of 30,000 tons of wheat to India and 11,000 to England, according to an announcement made by Senator Russel for the Commonwealth. The price to India is about \$1.31 a bushel, c.o.d. Melbourne. The price to England, including all costs of shipment to the port of destination, is \$2.31 a bushel.

The Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Fry are still in the north, as their boat was frozen in at Shingle. Point, near Herschel Island, making it impossible for them to reach Fort McPherson in time to meet Bishop Lucas and the steamer on which he was travelling. His health has improved, and he will probably be spending next winter at Kittigagjuit, and thus will be enabled to carry on his work among the Eskimos of the McKenzie River delta. No letters were received from Mr. Fry, as he evidently expected to get out this summer.

Capt. the Rev. W. H. H. Sparks resumed work at St. Olave's, Swansea, last Sunday. He went overseas in August, 1915, and after a short time in France was sent to Saloniki with the 4th Canadian General Hospital. In December, 1916, he came to the 11th Canadian General Hospital at Shorncliffe, where he stayed until July, 1917. Going to France, he was appointed with the 3rd Divisional Artillery, and stayed with them at Mons

until last February. He was Chaplain of the Shorncliffe hospital again until last July. In all his varied service he has won golden opinions from officers and men.

The Colonial and Continental Church Society are making an appeal for thankofferings for peace. For the training of not less than 100 men for the pioneer ministry at £50 a year each for five years, plus £50 average for passage and outfit, £30,000; for the enlargement of the invaluable Teachers' Hostel at Saskatoon, £4,000; for bursaries for Women Prairie Teachers during training, £2,000; for five Bush Missions in Australia, initial cost £1,000 each and £500 each for maintenance for five years, £17,500; for the much-needed enlargement of the Society's premises, £10,000; Brussels: for completing church and extinguishing debt (Nurse Cavell Memorial), £2,500.

Prof. H. Michell, M.A. of Kingston, has been appointed Lecturer in Political Economy at McMaster University, Toronto. He is a graduate of the University of Oxford, who has been in Canada for the past nine years. He was Lecturer in Economics in St. John's College, Winnipeg, until that post was discontinued by the dropping of Arts work by the college. For the past six years he has been on the staff of Queen's University, Kingston. As editor of the Bulletin of the Council for Social Service the excellence of his work has become known to all the Church, and as the writer of the Social Service Notes for this paper his range of interests is appreciated. He succeeds Dr. D. A. MacGibbon, who has resigned to take charge of the Department of Political Economy in the University of Alberta.

Among the plans which have happily been abandoned on second thoughts is one of Mr. Henry Ford's. He contemplated having the Bible rewritten "in plain, modern, snappy English." Had this project been carried out, the "Manchester Guardian" reminds us, the "snappy" Bible might have taken a place with some other curious versions, such as the Bible in rhyme and that in the Scottish dialect. That of Rev. Edward Harwood in the eighteenth century was an attempt "to diffuse over the sacred page the elegance of modern English." In this the daughter of Jairus is raised from the dead with the command, "Young lady, arise," and St. Peter at the Transfiguration is made to say, "Oh, sir, what a delectable residence we might fix here." The phrase, "Jesus wept" becomes "The Creator of the world burst into a flood of tears." When Dr. Johnson was shown this masterpiece he flung the book away with the ejaculation, "Puppy!"

Prohibition in the United States is compelling the owners to find new uses for their breweries. A notable example is that of a brewery in Flint, Michigan, which has become a church, but most of them are falling into the hands of other industries. Here is a little list of such conversions, which shows that, short of being turned into churches, the converted brewery can be of more value to the community than in its unregenerate state: Aberdeen, Washington, a clam cannery; Spokane, a vinegar distillery; Mobile, a melon-syrup and stock-food factory; Iowa City, a butter factory; North Yakimi, factory for the byproducts of fruit; Lansing, the manufacture of "auto" parts; Peoria, Il-linois, corn-meal grinding; Seattle, the production of syrup from rice; Chicago, a "soft drink" factory; Salam, Oregon, production of logan-berry juice; Washington, Pennsylvania, manufacture of paints, oils and varnish; Wheeling, meat-packing; Kansas City, food products. A former brewery in Rhode Island is used for producing moving pictures, and another, at Chicago, is now a hospital.

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