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Regimental Honours.

The following message has been received from the Pay and Record Office in London, informing of decorations received by members of the Newfoundland Regiment:

Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief B.E.F., has awarded the following decorations:—

Bar to Military Cross—Capt. Keegan.

Military Crosses—Captains Tait and Nunn, 2nd Lieuts. Hicks and Chafe.

Distinguished Conduct Medals—Sergt. 378 Spurrell, Sergt. 916 Purcell, Sergt. 2181 Murphy, Corp. 1539 Hollett, 1726 Pte. Sutton.

Corps Commander has awarded the following Military Medals—Sgt. 643 Aitken, Sgt. 430 Boucher, Corp. 796 Butler, Corp. 2040 Tansley, Corp. 783 Fitzpatrick, L. Corp. 129 Nichol, L. Corp. 1604 Paiford, Pte. 168 Abbott, 1989 Adms, 528 Bowden, 2427 Bulgin, 2987 Moore, 290 McDonald, 2511 Goodie, 738 Davis, L. Corp. 2098 Dunn, Pte. 461 Hennebury, 2558 Padick, 2626 Rees, 2536 Jewer.

Patriotic Football.

Weather permitting a football match will be played at St. George's Field at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon between a team picked from the pupils of the city colleges and a team of old college boys. The proceeds will be devoted to patriotic purposes.

Mr. Goodman, of Bishop Feild College, will referee and the line up will be:—

OLD BOYS—Rev. E. Fletcher, goal; Churchill, Kelly, backs; Brien, G. White, J. Wilson, halves; R. R. Wood, R. W. Sheppard, E. Jerrett, R. Dowden, E. Ewing.

PRESENT BOYS—Grand (Meth.), goal; Delahunty, Mahar (St. B.), backs; Soper (Meth.), Sansford, (B. F.), Bishop (B.F.), halves; Ellis (B. F.), Gibbs (St. B.), W. Mahar (St. B.), Macpherson (Meth.), Eagen (St. B.), forwards.

L.O.A.B.A. Hold Successful Sociable.

The members of the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association held a successful sociable last night in Victoria Hall. Mrs. Rollings, the Worthy Mistress of Jubilee Lodge, No. 137, presided. After full justice had been done the good things supplied by the ladies, the following programme was well rendered:—

Instrumental selections by Messrs. H. B. Chafe and Walker; song, Mrs. Rollings; recitation, Miss May Rowe; song, Mr. A. Lucas; recitation, Miss Rose Whitten; song, Miss Barbara Langmead; recitation, Master S. Jeans; song, Miss Jones; pianoforte selection, Miss Hansford; recitation, Easter F. Rowe; song, Mr. A. Barnes; recitation, Master W. Martin; song, Miss Oliver; recitation, Miss Quick; song, Miss Burridge; recitation, Miss Hazel Cook.

The efforts of all were much appreciated. Owing to the sudden illness of Mr. A. W. Martin, whose delightful readings are much sought after by concert goers, he was not able to attend. The committee are to be congratulated on their efforts.

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Sunday Services

Church of England—Holy Communion (1st Sunday) 7.00, 8.00 and 11; other Sundays, 8.00; Matins (except 1st Sunday), 11; Children's Service, 3.30; Evensong, 6.30; Week Days—Matins, 8.00; Evensong, 5.30; Saints' Days, Matins, 7.30; Holy Communion, 8.00; Thursdays, Holy Communion, 7.15; Fridays, Evensong, 7.30; Sunday Schools, 2.45 p.m.; Boys' Bible Class, 2.45 p.m. (Vestry); C. M. B. C. (Synod Building), 3 p.m.

St. Thomas—Holy Communion, 8; Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11; Preacher, Rev. A. Clayton. Sunday Schools, 2.45; Dunfield Boys' Bible Class, 2.45; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30; Preacher, The Rector; a Sermon to young people. Subject: "If I Were You, I Would."

St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's West—Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m. Other Services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Michael's—Holy Communion (Casey Street)—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Christ Church, Quidi Vidit—Holy Communion, second Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer, third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 2.30 p.m. BROOKFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL. Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School—Every Sunday at 4 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, THE GOULDS. Evensong—Every Sunday at 3 p.m. ASTYLUM FOR THE POOR. Holy Communion—The first Sunday in each month at 9 a.m. Matins—Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

METHODIST. Gower St.—11, Rev. Dr. Fenwick; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmon. George St.—11, Rev. D. B. Hemmon; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy. Cochrane Street—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. Dr. Fenwick. Wesley—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

Congregational—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

Salvation Army (No. 1 Citadel, New Gower St.)—7 a.m., Kneadrell; 11, Holiness Meeting; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Great Salvation Meeting.

ST. THOMAS'S.—At the evening service to-morrow, the Rector will preach a sermon having special reference to young people. A cordial invitation is therefore extended to all young men and women to be present. The subject is "If I Were You, I Would."

GOWER ST ADULT BIBLE CLASS.—The young men's Adult Bible Class of this Church are holding their usual session to-morrow afternoon. The lesson for the day will be conducted by Dr. J. G. Duncan. Come along and bring your friends. A cordial invitation is extended to all visiting outport friends. Service commences at 2.45 p.m.

WESLEY.—Services will be held at Wesley to-morrow, and are open to all. The congregation especially invites the strangers and those who are now visiting the city. Preacher at 11 a.m. Rev. N. M. Guy. Society Class meetings at 10 a.m. In the evening the pastor will preach an evangelistic sermon on an old and oft-quoted theme: "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" The singing of the choir and congregation will be helpful features of the services. All are invited to the good things which will be given out for all to-morrow.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., Minister, Sunday services at 11 and 6.30. The Minister will preach at both services. Morning subject: "Loyalty and its Limitations." In the evening the subject will be: "Seeing things through." The Sunday School will meet at 3 o'clock. Strangers welcome at all services.

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An Incident at Lambeth Palace.

"The Archbishop of Canterbury was conducting an induction service at Lambeth when the aerial bombardment began, but no interruption was made," says the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian. "The service went on as if no danger threatened, and the congregation remained some time singing hymns."

"A clergyman who was present tells me that after the service the Archbishop and his procession of clergy withdrew to the shelter in one of the old Norman towers of the Palace, and there remained for a time."

"One likes the colour and contrast of the picture—the ancient background of the Palace, the Archbishop and clergy in their traditional robes, and overhead a firmament of modern warfare which would have made the stoutest Norman heart quake with the fear of black arts."

How Do We Stand in the West?

ALLIED PLANS THAT HAD TO BE ABANDONED.

By Col. A. M. Murray, C.B.: Who Points out Why the Franco-British Offensive was Held Up.

The arrival of autumn with the return to winter time reminds us that the Summer Campaign is well nigh over, and the period for marking time is at hand. How do we now stand? Have we done what we hoped to do during the past year, and when may we expect to finish the task which we took up arms to accomplish?

In an article contributed to the Sunday Pictorial on March 25 last the writer expressed the confident hope that before the end of the year we should have expelled the Hun invaders from France. The hope was at that time justified. The Germans had retreated from the Somme and taken up a new line of defence behind it. We had beaten them out of positions which they declared to be impregnable, and what we did once we could do again.

It is reasonable to assume that if Sir Douglas Haig had done in Artois what he has done this summer in Flanders British troops would now be fighting on the Sambre instead of on the Lys. How came it about that Sir Douglas Haig left Artois and went to Flanders?

It happened in this way. Last April by a brilliant piece of tactical work the Canadian troops stormed the Vimy Ridge and the Third Army broke through the German lines at Arras. This was a good start. We had seized a powerful outpost of Hindenburg's line, and the town of Lens was at the mercy of General Home if he had chosen, which he did not, to batter it to pieces with a thousand guns.

A succession of hammer blows, such as General Gough struck one after the other on the Ancre, would have delivered Douai and Cambrai into our hands, and by this time British troops would have been fighting on Vaubans' line of defence between Valenciennes and Maubege. Why are they not there?

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For this reason. A week after the capture of Vimy the French started an offensive movement on the Aisne. They aimed at Laon, the southern buttress of the Hindenburg line. General Nivelle won a victory, but it was a Pyrrhic one. The French could hardly expect to succeed where Napoleon, the greatest of all masters of war, failed.

Then General Petain came on the scene. Resolute, silent, long-headed, a calculating strategist who has many of Napoleon's military qualities. The Chemin des Dames was to be held, but not used as a starting-point for attacking Laon. On no passera pas. This was to be the guiding principle of French strategy till the American Army arrived in France. French manpower should on no account be wasted in adventures. If an offensive step was taken it should be where the enemy was weak, not strong. Hindenburg must be left to take care of his own line.

It was not till the end of July that Sir Douglas Haig was ready for his Flanders campaign. He has struck three blows, and all successful ones. On July 31 he straightened out the Ypres salient. On August 16 he got back to the line we held before the Germans sprang their dastardly gas attack on the unsuspecting French. Day by day we are retracing our steps. More such steps and the road will be open to Mons.

Mons is a strategical point of the very first importance. If we take up a map we see that the possession of the German bridgehead at that place means for the Allies, and why Lord French was so anxious that Sir Henry Rawlinson should seize it in October, 1914. Its seizure then was impossible, but circumstances are altered.

A British occupation of Mons would split into two sections the enemy's armies operating north and south of the Lys River. Lateral communications between von Armin's headquarters at Roulers with the German garrison of Lille would be interrupted, and we should witness another of those "voluntary retirements" which resulted from Sir Douglas Haig's tactics on the Somme.

This is why Hindenburg is making such desperate efforts to stop our progress down the Ypres-Menin road, where he has collected what little remains of the flower of the old Prussian Army, which was once the pride of Germany and the terror of Europe.

We are winning hands over, not by lightning blows, for these are no longer possible under modern war conditions, but by the slow and sure methods which have been adopted by the Allies all along the western front from the North Sea to the Adriatic.

A Question of Organisation. The development of the mechanical side of warfare with the increased power which it has conferred on the defensive precludes tactical rapidity. As at Verdun and on the Isonzo during the past month, so in Flanders, the same principles of tactics are uniformly observed by the Allied com-

manders. A great concentration of artillery first takes place on a limited front, with the object of shattering the enemy's defences and breaking down the moral of the defenders. When this has been done, the heavy guns are turned on to the enemy's artillery for counter-battery work, so as to silence his fire during the infantry attack. The field batteries meanwhile support the advancing infantry with their creeping barrage of shrapnel fire.

A battle now goes like clockwork, according to a pre-arranged timetable co-ordinating the action of both artillery and infantry. Given the necessary antecedent condition of artillery preponderance—the Allies have got it—and victory is all a question of organisation.

The choice of objectives is a varying factor dependent on the terrain. Weather has more say than it used to have in tactical operations owing to the weight of the impedimenta accompanying modern field armies. When the weather is bad transportation slows down, and the interval between the "pushes" is longer. Given a fine October, and we may expect a considerable extension of the salient; which Sir Douglas Haig is pushing out into Belgium.

When shall we finish our task? The answer is: When we have beaten the Germans, not in one, or two, or three fights, but in a succession of sustained battles which will so weaken their belligerent strength as to deprive them of the hope of further resistance. Then we may begin to think and talk of peace, but not before. Stockholm won't bring us salvation, nor will the Vatican. We must trust to our own strong arm. We are out to win, not to lose, and we can win, and shall win, if we quit ourselves like men.

"Be patient," said General de Castelnau to the writer of this article a few weeks ago. "Be resolute," said M. Painleve a few days later. Patience and resolution. Let these be our watchwords till victory comes at the appointed time.

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