

Personal & General

The second son of the late Rev. A. C. Miles, of the diocese of Toronto, has been severely wounded at the front.

We extend our deep sympathy to the Ven. Archdeacon Warren, Toronto, in his bereavement through the death of his wife, who passed away on Wednesday, October 25th.

The Rt. Rev. C. H. Brent, Bishop of the Philippine Islands, preached the University Sermon in Convocation Hall, Toronto, on Sunday last. He preached in St. Paul's Church in the evening.

The wedding of Captain Jack Meredith, of the Canadian Scottish, and Miss Mollie Bidwell, daughter of the Bishop of Kingston and Mrs. Bidwell, is to take place in England during this month.

Mr. Francis Brading of the Scripture Gift Mission reached Toronto, Canada, on Friday, November 3rd. Those wishing to communicate with him may address him care of the "Canadian Churchman."

We regret an error in the Cambridge University Press advertisement on this page in last week's "Churchman." The price of the C. 636X edition of the new Book of Common Prayer is \$3.00 in place of \$3.50.

The Rev. W. A. R. Ball, formerly of the diocese of Edmonton, who was severely wounded by shrapnel on the battlefield whilst serving as a Chaplain at the front, has been presented to the living of Billingham, Norfolk, in the diocese of Norwich, England.

In memory of Prince Maurice of Battenburg and those members of the Royal House of England who have fallen in the war, a handsome State pall has been presented to St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, which is to be used at funerals.

The Rev. A. G. Wilken, of Sunnyvale, Alberta, who has been serving as a Chaplain at the front, and who was recently reported killed, is alive. He was taken prisoner by the Germans and he is now acting as Chaplain in the officers' quarters at the prison camp in Westphalia.

The Bishop of Calgary recently received the sad news from England that Captain the Rev. W. H. F. Harris, formerly of Calgary, who is in the Empire Hospital, Vincent Sq., Westminster, London, is suffering from a severed spine. His lower limbs are paralysed and there is no hope of his recovery.

Miss Georgie Newnham, eldest daughter of the Bishop of Saskatchewan, is now serving in France as a nursing sister. She went to England in August with the sixty called for by the St. John's Ambulance Society, and was one of those chosen to serve with the Canadian Army Medical Corps "somewhere in France."

The King has given his approval of the appointment of the Rev. Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, Rector of Bishops Hatfield, to be Bishop of Exeter. The Bishop-designate is a son of the late Marquis of Salisbury. He is specially interested in the future of China and has twice visited that country. His book, "Changing China," is recognized as a most able and most informing volume on the

problems of education and Christianity in the Far East. The Bishop-designate has had three sons, one of whom has been killed in action and the other two have been wounded.

The Revs. Hugh Latimer Burleson and F. H. Touret have been elected Missionary Bishop of South Dakota and Missionary Bishop of Western Colorado respectively. The former clergyman was for some time editor of "The Spirit of Missions," and has since 1907 been one of the secretaries of the General Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Rev. F. H. Touret has been the Rector of Christ Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, since 1910. Dr. Burleson is one of five sons of the Rev. S. S. Burleson, all of whom have entered the ministry. His consecration will take place in St. John's Cathedral, New York, on December 14th.

The following figures give some idea of the havoc wrought by the war on the Armenian Christians:—Armenian population of Turkey, Persia and Syria before the war, 2,000,000; massacred or died of wounds, disease or exhaustion, about 750,000; survivors, about 1,200,000. Destitute and starving Armenians, Nestorians and other native Christians in Turkey, Persia, Syria and Palestine, 1,000,000. Amount of money estimated as needed to rehabilitate the destitute and starving, \$5,000,000. The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian relief with headquarters in New York has collected over \$2,000,000. The Canadian Committee has its headquarters in Toronto. The secretary is Mr. A. D. Parker, 508 Lumsden Bldg., Toronto, and the honorary treasurer is Mr. Donald A. Cameron, Toronto Branch Canadian Bank of Commerce.

THE SILENT NAVY.

The silence of the Navy is a most impressive thing. It has been silent in many seas and on many occasions. The biographer of John Hay, once American Ambassador to England, has now, after many years, broken that silence by relating how the suggestion that the British Fleet was at the disposal of the United States prevented a European coalition against that nation when the Spanish War was imminent. Again, it was the silent hint conveyed by the position of Sir Edward Chester's flagship in Manila Bay that caused the German Admiral to retire. It was in silence, too, that the British Fleet disappeared from view on the 26th June, 1914, and made it unsafe for the German Emperor to despatch his squadrons, then quartered in Norwegian fiords, by way of the Atlantic, to destroy the French fleet in the Mediterranean. But the silence that is almost uncanny is that which, broken only once off Jutland, has veiled the Battle Squadrons of Great Britain from the gaze of the world since the war began.

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