

Personal & General

The Rev. H. G. Kingston, LL.B., B.A., has resigned the rectorship of St. James' Church, Fenelon Falls, owing to ill-health.

Up to the present time twenty-nine men from Canada have won the Victoria Cross, according to a return tabled in Parliament at Ottawa on April 11th.

It has been officially announced that the French Government has conferred the Legion of Honour upon Colonel Noel Marshall, of Toronto. Colonel Marshall is the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

About 10 per cent. of the clergy of the Diocese of Montreal have gone overseas, and outside the city of Montreal there is not a single parish with more than one clergyman in it. Moreover, no students are ordained who are eligible for military service.

Archdeacon Cody preached to a large number of the members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows at St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street East, Toronto, on Sunday, April 28th. The service was held to commemorate the ninety-ninth anniversary of the founding of the Order.

Since the war began 366 graduates and undergraduates of Trinity College, Toronto, have enlisted in His Majesty's forces. Of these, 35 have either been killed in action or have died on active service. About 30 clerical graduates of Trinity are now serving as Chaplains.

The announcement that the Bishops of the Scottish Church are unanimously in favor of opening the membership of the Representative Church Council to women, is an interesting "sign of the times," to use a hackneyed but useful phrase. Supporters of the Women's Movement within the Church and outside of it will be highly gratified.—"Scottish Chronicle."

A General Conference in behalf of the Evangelization of Russia is to be held in the Moody Tabernacle, Chicago, from June 24th to June 28th. The Rev. W. H. Griffith-Thomas, D.D., is a member of the committee that is calling the Conference, and Prof. M. A. de Sherbinin, formerly of Toronto, is secretary of the Conference Executive.

Flight-Commander Norman Millman, R.F.C., who has been overseas since November, 1916, has been awarded the Military Cross. Flight-Commander Millman is the son of Dr. T. Millman, of 490 Huron Street, Toronto, who is one of the leading members of the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, and also one of the lay delegates to Synod.

We beg to tender our sincere congratulations to Mr. J. M. McWhinney, the esteemed vice-president of the board of directors of the "Canadian Churchman," upon the news which he received directly from the War Office in London a few days ago, that his son, Gunner H. S. McWhinney, a signaller in the 24th Battery, C.F.A., had been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery at the front.

The Bishop of London has publicly announced himself a conscriptionist, and has said that calling-up notifications would be sent to all the clergy in the London diocese under the new Act, the principle to be observed being

that one Priest should be left for each parish. He appealed to the Church to rally to the national cause without regard to the exemption accorded the clergy, and added that he believed other Bishops would adopt the same plan.

Amongst the names of those officers who have been recently killed in the present heavy fighting on the west front appears that of the Rev. Oswald Creighton, a son of the late Bishop of London, who has been serving for some time past as a Chaplain at the front in France. The Rev. O. Creighton was for some years a member of the Archbishops' Western Canada band of helpers, and he was stationed at Edmonton, Alberta. He was for a short time Rector of St. Monica, Olive, Alberta.

Meat queues were common recently in London, but the meat supply troubles in many villages are even more serious. At Northchapel, Sussex, the Rector has come to the rescue of his parishioners. As the only butcher in the village closed down, the Rector has assumed the role of butcher, and thus earned the gratitude of his people. Financially, it is to be feared the clerical butcher is out of pocket, but he does not seem to mind so long as the parishioners get their rations.

Mrs. F. W. Sandys, the widow of the late Ven. F. W. Sandys, a former Archdeacon of the Diocese of Huron, and one of the pioneer residents of Chatham, died in that place on April 18th. The deceased lady was born in Cook, Ireland, and just recently celebrated her 97th birthday. She was recognized for her piety and charity. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Lucy Sandys. The Ven. F. W. and Mrs. Sandys came to Chatham in 1849, when he became Rector of what was then St. Paul's Church. This was later burned and the present Christ Church erected. The funeral was held on Saturday, April 20th, with service in Christ Church and interment in Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. Canon Howard officiated.

News has been received in Toronto by Mr. W. D'E. Strickland that his son, Lieut. Donald Strickland, who was reported missing on March 25th, is a prisoner in Germany. Lieut. Strickland is twenty years of age, and after leaving Upper Canada College in 1916, he took a course at the Royal Military College, Kingston. He went overseas last summer, and crossed to France in January, attached to the 46th Battery, Royal Field Artillery. He was engaged on the forward line in observation work, so that he was probably among the first prisoners to fall into the hands of the Germans in the initial stages of their first drive in the present offensive. Lieut. Strickland is a member of St. Simon's Church, of which his father is Rector's warden.

Dr. George A. Barton, Professor of Biblical Literature and Semitic Languages at Bryn Mawr College, United States, resigned from the Society of Friends not long since and has been confirmed by the Bishop of Pennsylvania and become a parishioner at the Church of the Saviour in Philadelphia. At a luncheon given recently to Sir George Adam Smith, Dr. Barton gave the reason for his change, saying that what George Fox was unable to anticipate was "that an age of the world should come like that in which we are living, in which it has become evident that no man can really live in the spirit that is opposed to war, who will not take a hand in the war to end war. It is because of the dawning upon my mind and conscience of that fact that I have severed my connection with the denomination to which I have so long belonged."

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