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"There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host; neither is any man delivered by much strength."

"A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man; neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength."—Psalm 33, 15, 16.

"The tumult and the shouting dies—the captains and the kings depart—still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, an humble and a contrite heart. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget—lest we forget.

"For heathen heart that puts her trust in reeking tube and iron shard, all valiant dust that builds on dust, and guarding, calls not Thee to guard—for frantic boast and foolish word, Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!"
Rudyard Kipling.

Bishop Robins, of Athabasca, and Archdeacon White were in Toronto last week.

The consecration of the Very Rev. Dean Doull as Bishop of Kootenay takes place at Victoria next Wednesday.

Sergeant, to new recruit—"What religion?" "Swedenborgian." "And what on earth is that?" "Followers of Swedenborg." "Never heard of him, so look here; there's Church, Catholic, and Wesleyan. Just pick one of those three, and be quick." He picked, and the Wesleyans got the credit of that particular enlistment.

The "Great Discovery," which appeared in our issue of February 4th, was written by the Rev. Norman Maclean, and is to be published in book form with other sketches descriptive of feeling in Scotland about the war. Mr. Maclean is the author of that striking book, "Africa in Transformation," which gave a vivid personal account of the celebrated Kikuyu Conference.

J. Fannon, of Kingston, Ont., who is with Lieut.-Col. A. M. Ross, Ambulance Corps, in England, saved the life of Miss Barbara Smith, daughter of Sir James Smith, near Bustard Inn. Her horse was running away and she had only one foot in the stirrup and was hanging to the animal's mane. Fannon overtook her horse and brought it to a standstill. Sir James Smith presented him with a gold watch for his action.

Dr. H. Thwaites, who was at one time in Toronto, but who for some time past has had charge of the St. Helena's Medical Mission in Jerusalem, under the Church Missionary Council, has resigned his position in order to proceed to England, where he will join the R.A.M.C. The Right Rev. Rennie MacInnes, who was recently consecrated to the Bishopric of Jerusalem in succession to the late Bishop Blyth, is now in Cairo, and in view of the war cannot proceed to his post.

The order paper of the Manitoba Provincial House, now up for second reading, shows many new restrictions on the liquor traffic are provided for in the bill. The order-in-council requesting hotels to close bars at 7 p.m. was legalized and made permanent; authority is given to municipalities to control the number of

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Dr. Watts-Ditchfield is getting to be known in his diocese as a capital raconteur. Addressing the church workers at Springfield—the parish in which his official residence is situated—the Bishop related several incidents connected with his happy days at Bethnal Green. On one occasion, when the Muzzling Act was in force, he was leading a muzzled retriever along the street on a very foggy night, and he wore a respirator himself. Passing by a public house, the future Bishop heard a man say, "I didn't know parsons had to wear muzzles as well as dogs."

The committee appointed January 20th, during the visit of Mr. J. Campbell White, to consider plans for a four-day series of special meetings in Massey Hall in March, met Feb. 9th. A statement was made by Mr. Watson concerning the plan and the work that had led up to calling the committee together. It was unanimously resolved, after careful consideration, that while the committee cordially approved of such a series of meetings, and felt that they would be productive of much good, yet they believed that it would be wise to postpone them until a later date."

Fanny Crosby, the well-known blind hymn writer, died, February 12th, at her home in Bridgeport, Conn., in her 95th year. Frances Jane Crosby was born in 1820. She lost her eyesight when an infant six weeks old. After attending the Institution for the Blind in New York City for nine years, she became instructor at that institution, and continued to teach there until her marriage to Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind teacher of music, in 1858. Her best-known hymns include, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," "Jesus is Calling," and "I am Thine, O Lord," and over 6,000 hymns bear her name.

Services commemorative of one hundred years of peace were held in all the churches of Buffalo on Sunday. Mingled with prayers and hymns of thanksgiving was a deep note of supplication for peace in the Old World. Rev. R. J. Renison, D.D., of Hamilton, occupied the pulpit at special services in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. "Never," he said, "has there been such an opportunity for America to win the moral leadership of the world. If lust of power, if selfish blindness should make you take the lesser part, the opportunity never will return. But if it be known among the nations that this country stands for freedom, for justice and for brotherhood of mankind, happy shalt thou be."

A couple of incidents narrated in the House of Commons furnish an instructive insight into economic results of the war in a personal domestic aspect. Harold Baker, replying for the War Department to queries whether the Indian troops were adequately supplied with comforts, said one Indian trooper recently remarked: "All wars are good, but this one is heaven." John Ward, member for Stoke, related a conversation with a soldier's wife now drawing nineteen shillings and sixpence weekly, whereas her husband's ordinary wages as an agricultural labourer were fourteen shillings weekly. The woman declared: "I wish the war would go on forever so long as my old man does not get killed."

The fight of the Ontario W.C.T.U. against the wet canteen for the Canadian soldiers is being kept up. A strongly worded telegram was sent to Premier Sir Robert Borden by the

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sub-committee, which read as follows: "It is with amazement and alarm that we learn of the re-establishment of the wet canteen in the Canadian contingent, and that the British War Office claims the consent of your Government in so doing. We desire to point out that this is poor encouragement to the mothers of Canada to give their sons in this awful war, for mothers have greater dread of the effects of strong drink upon our boys than of German bullets. We hope your Government will make an early pronouncement to show that you have kept and intend to keep faith with the mothers of Canada."

Letters dated as late as December 11th have been received by Bishop Stringer, of the Diocese of the Yukon. They contain information from the Arctic coast. Archdeacon Whittaker, who assembled most of the news at McPherson, states that no word has been received from Vilhjalmr Stefansson. Stefansson visited McPherson last winter, then returned to the Arctic shore and started over the ice last March from Herschel Island toward Banks Land. Archdeacon Whittaker says there were no tidings at Herschel from Stefansson at last reports, and he believes the explorer is lost. Anderson, chief lieutenant to Stefansson, and a party went east for Coronation Gulf in August. Stein is reported insane at Point Barrow. Phillips, a Hudson's Bay man, brought advices from Kittgagzyoot to McPherson, according to the Bishop's information, early in December.

An American writes: "Robert Bridges, the newest Poet Laureate, has been called the most retiring man in England. Even Oxford, although he lives only a few miles away, does not get many opportunities to pay its

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