

## Personal & General

Archdeacon Davidson has returned to Guelph from Vancouver.

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The Rev. Dr. Seager and Mrs. Seager, of Vancouver, spent a few days in Toronto last week.

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Sir Richard McBride, ex-Premier of British Columbia, died in London, England, on August 6th from Bright's disease.

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The Rev. R. J. Moore, Rector of St. George's, Toronto, has gone to the seaside near Boston, Mass., for a period of rest and change.

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The death of the Rev. B. Baring Gould, secretary of the C.M.S., from 1888 to 1913, took place at his home at Blackheath, London, lately.

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The Rev. J. B. Fotheringham, the Rector of Grace Church, Brantford, and Mrs. Fotheringham, are spending the month of August at Goderich.

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Mrs. Harris, the widow of the late Rural Dean Harris, was recently stricken with illness whilst summering at Orford Lake, and she has been removed to a hospital in Montreal.

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Mr. R. W. Allin, the Editor of this paper, is devoting his holidays during August to farm work near Newcastle, Ontario. During his absence, Rev. Dr. Hallam is taking charge of the paper.

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In memory of fallen soldiers a cross seventeen feet high, the work of Mr. Arthur Walker, sculptor of the Florence Nightingale memorial in Waterloo Place, London, was dedicated recently by the Bishop of Stepney at St. Silas' Church, Pentonville.

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British casualties in all theatres of military operations published in the newspapers during the month of July total 71,832 officers and men. The officers killed, wounded or missing total 2,503, while the men number 69,329.

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In observance of the third anniversary of the declaration of war a service of a special character was held at Camp Borden on August 5th. This service was conducted by Capt. the Rev. J. E. Jeakins, the senior Chaplain, who served for some time at the front.

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An incident, unique in the ecclesiastical history of Belfast, took place the other day when the Rev. Professor Cooper, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland, preached in the Cathedral church by permission of the Bishop of the diocese.

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Speaking recently at a large gathering of young people at Manchester, the Rev. J. Glass, the Vicar of St. Paul's, Leamington, said that the two chief things in a boy's life should be "to say his prayers and to wash the back of his neck. The one would remind him that he had a soul to save and the other of the reality of the unseen."

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Dr. Albert Ham, Organist of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and President of the Canadian Guild of Organists, received a telegram on Saturday, the 4th August, from Mr. A. S. Brooke, the President of the American Guild of Organists, which is in convention at Springfield, Ohio, conveying cordial greetings and giving the assurance that the United States is heart and soul with Canada in the war.

The King, in writing to the Lord Mayor of London thanking him for his expressions of loyalty and confidence in the efficiency of the fighting forces, says: "Three years of war, with all they have meant to every home in the British Empire, have served to weld more closely than ever the bonds of unity and steel the hearts of the whole nation in the firm resolve to secure the sacred principles of justice, freedom and humanity. It is for these we fight, and by God's help we mean to triumph."

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Lieut. J. K. Gillespie has been awarded the Military Cross. The Official Gazette, London, says:—"Lieut. John Krause Gillespie, when the both of his guns were destroyed and a number of the men in their crews had become casualties, he rallied the remainder and pushed forward, killing a number of the enemy." Lieut. Gillespie is the youngest son of the late Rev. John Gillespie, first Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, during whose rectorship the present edifice was built.

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Mr. H. A. Fricker, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., M.A., the new Director of the Mendelssohn Choir, arrived on the 5th August in Toronto, from England. Mr. Fricker is a native of Canterbury, in Kent, and as a boy he was a member of the Cathedral choir and later on he acted as assistant organist to the late Dr. Longhurst at the Cathedral. For the past 20 years he has been city organist at Leeds in Yorkshire. He has the reputation of being one of England's greatest organists. He is also a well-known composer and choral leader.

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On Sunday evening, August 5th, a number of the Army and Navy Veterans attended Divine service at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Toronto, when the sermon was preached by the Rector, the Rev. J. Russell McLean, who is also Chaplain of the Toronto Garrison. The service throughout was fittingly military, the church being decorated with Union Jacks, and the music being specially selected for the occasion. At the close the "Dead March" in "Saul" was played, followed by the National Anthem.

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Lieutenant Aidan Chavasse, Liverpool Regiment, youngest son of the Bishop of Liverpool, has been reported "wounded and missing." He joined the Army during the first month of war. He was on patrol duty when wounded; his companions were unable to bring him in, and the officer in charge, in attempting to go for a stretcher, was killed. The Lieutenant's brother, Captain F. B. Chavasse, R.A.M.C., attached to the same battalion, went out in search five times without finding his brother. The Bishop has four sons serving—one, Captain N. G. Chavasse, M.C., R.A.M.C., having gained the Victoria Cross.

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A most impressive intercessional service, to mark the beginning of the fourth year in the war was held on Sunday, August 5th, in Westminster Abbey. The King attended the service as an ordinary private worshipper. He was accompanied by many members of his family and household, including Prince John and the Princesses Victoria and Mary. The Premier and Sir John Jellicoe, as well as numerous other prominent men, attended the service, whilst a special block of seats in the centre of the nave, were occupied by a large party of wounded soldiers. The sermon was preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who chose for his text the words: "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

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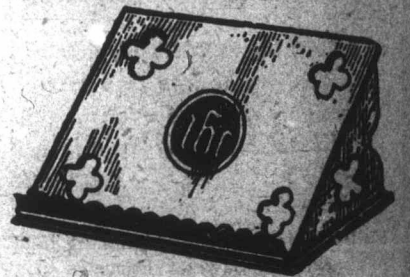
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