

## Personal & General

The Diocese of Huron has contributed the sum of \$1,829.85 to date towards Armenian and Assyrian Relief.

Lieut. Guy Clarkson, the fifth son of Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson, of Toronto, is reported to be wounded. He went overseas in July last. His brother, Lieut. Maurice A. Clarkson, was killed in action on April 21st.

The third clergyman in St. Catharines to give up his parochial work in this city and to join the colours is the Rev. Herbert West, Rector of Christ Church. He has enlisted in the Army Medical Corps.

Two Chaplains, the Revs. the Hon. Maurice Peel, Vicar of Tamworth, and Herbert Richards, have been awarded bars to the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery in saving the lives of wounded under very heavy fire.

The Drexel Biddle Bible Classes held their fifth annual service in Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, last month. More than one thousand members of the classes were present. Addresses were made by Bishop Darlington of Harrisburg, and Rev. W. Floyd Tomkins.

News has been received from the West Front that Captain the Rev. Edward Appleyard, the Rector of St. Matthew's, London, who went overseas as a Chaplain, has been recommended for the D.S.O. for his bravery in rescuing 40 men under heavy fire at Vimy Ridge.

The Rev. Rural Dean J. W. Jones, Rector of Tamworth, was elected by the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario at its first session on May 22nd, as Clerical Secretary of Synod in succession to the late Canon G. W. G. Grout, and the Rev. A. L. McTear, Rector of Bath, was at the same time elected Honorary Secretary.

Mrs. Bedford-Jones, the widow of the late Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, and the mother of Canon Bedford-Jones, of Brockville, died in Toronto on May 26th. The funeral took place on the 29th inst., after a service held in St. Thomas' Church, Toronto. The body of the deceased lady was taken to Catarqui Cemetery, Kingston, for interment.

The death took place at St. Thomas, on May 23rd, after an illness of several weeks, of Miss Annie J. Ermatinger, sister of the Hon. Judge C. O. Ermatinger. The deceased lady was the second daughter of the late Mr. Edward Ermatinger, and was born in St. Thomas in 1843. During her lifetime she had travelled extensively in various parts of the world.

The enthronement of Dr. E. J. Bidwell, Bishop of Kingston and Co-adjutor Bishop of Ontario for the past four years, as Bishop of Ontario took place in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on May 22nd. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Williams, of London, and Bishop Roper, of Ottawa, preached the sermon. Bishop Bidwell succeeds the late Bishop Mills as the Diocesan Bishop of Ontario.

The Marquis of Aberdeen, Ex-Governor-General of Canada, attended evening service in St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday, the 27th May. The preacher on this occasion was the Rev. A. E. Ribourg, who gave a powerful discourse on the subject

of "God, the Holy Ghost as the source of Moral Power." The Bishop of Toronto was present at the service. He wore his Convocation robes. There was a very large congregation present.

The Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour arrived in Canada by way of Niagara Falls on Friday last the 25th inst. After spending a couple of days in Toronto, where he was given the honorary degree of LL.D., at a special Convocation, he proceeded to Ottawa, reaching there early Sunday morning. He attended service in St. Bartholomew's Church the same forenoon, and in so doing showed his respect for Divine institutions and set a good example for other statesmen to follow. On Monday he addressed the House of Commons and on Wednesday received another honorary degree, this time at the hands of McGill University, Montreal.

Speaking at the annual service of the S.O.E.B.S., at St. Paul's, Bloor Street, Toronto, on the 27th May, Archdeacon Cody in an eloquent address spoke in terms of warm approbation of the gallant deeds done by the English regiments at the Front. He suggested amongst other things that the English residents of the Dominion raise a fund of \$200,000 to found scholarships in the Universities, not to create jealousy and strife, but to promote a healthy rivalry between all branches of the family of the Empire. No greater or better memorial to the fallen heroes in the present war could be raised than to provide facilities for the better education of Canadian youth so that they would become more intellectual, more moral, and more God-fearing than ever.

The first wedding which has ever been held from Rideau Hall, Ottawa, took place in Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, on Victoria Day, when Lady Mary Cecilia Rhodesia Hamilton, the eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Aberdeen, who are first cousins of H.E. the Duchess of Devonshire, was married to Captain Robert Orlando Rudolph Kenyon-Slaney, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor-General. The marriage was performed by the Right Rev. J. C. Roper, D.D., Bishop of Ottawa, assisted by the Rev. John Dillon, Curate of Christ Church Cathedral. There were five bridesmaids and the bride was given away by H.E. the Duke of Devonshire. Captain Vivian Bulkeley-Johnson, A.D.C., was best man. Both the Premier of Canada and the Premier of New Zealand, besides other Canadian and New Zealand statesmen, were present at the ceremony.

The Right Rev. C. H. Brent officiated at the funeral of the Hon. Joseph A. Choate, who died suddenly on the 14th inst., in New York, the service taking place at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, on May 17th. A host of distinguished people were present thereat. By command of the King, the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, was present as the special representative of his Majesty, and Foreign Minister Balfour was represented by one of his private secretaries. M. Hovelacque, Minister of Public Instruction of France, represented the French War Commission, and Jules J. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, represented France. Bishop Brent was assisted by Rev. George Merrill, of Stockbridge, Mass., and Dr. Leighton Parks, Rector of St. Bartholomew's, in conducting the service. Ambassador Spring-Rice was an honorary pall-bearer, as were J. P. Morgan and Mayor Mitchel. The body of Mr. Choate was taken to Stockbridge, Mass., after the service in New York and laid to rest in the family vault.

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