

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS

After seeing service at Salonica as commanding officer of the University Base Hospital, and later in England as deputy director of the medical services of the C.E.F., Col. J. A. Roberts, C.B., has returned to Toronto. Col. Roberts spoke highly of the efficiency of the British medical services, and told of the great number of men whose limbs had been saved owing to the science of new treatments.

The question of building an addition to the Woodstock General Hospital is at present being considered by the local hospital trust. Of late the building has been too small to accommodate the patients seeking admittance, and during the recent epidemic not hafe of those desiring hospital attendance were able to get it.

Clemenceau, the Premier of France, who has been nicknamed "The Tiger," is not a lawyer by profession, but a physician. Not only so, but this "greatest young man in France" is the son of a physician, the grandson of a physician, the great-grandson of a physician, and so on back for 300 years. Every one of his direct ancestors in the male line for three centuries belonged to the medical profession. This unique record of continuity was broken for the first time when the Premier's only son, Michel, elected to become an engineer rather than study medicine. In this democratic age, the young man was allcwed his choice. His father and all the previous Doctor Clemenceaus were compelled to conform to the family tradition, whether willing or not.

Ontario is not yet ready for legislation requiring the contracting parties to a marriage to produce certificates of mental and physical fitness for the wedded state. The special committee of the Legislature appointed last session to consider the Marriage Act Amendment Bill of Dr. Forbes Godfrey, of West York, came to this conclusion after listening to the views of representative men and women upo nthe matter, and exchanging their own opinions.

Word has been received that Lieut.-Col. Clifford Reason, of London, commanding No. 3 Stationary Hospital at Doullans, France, will shortly return home. Dr. Reason had charge of this hospital when it was bombed on May 29 last, some 30 or more of the staff and patients losing their lives.

Two cases of smallpox developed in London, and strict precautions were being exercised to prevent the spread of the disease. A soldier from Military District No. 2 developed the disease soon after his arrival in the city and he was at once isolated from his comrades. The second case was that of a civilian, who was also from an eastern point.