

be used as a hospital for Royal Flying Corps. A letter has been received by the president of the Canadian Aviation Aid Club, Mrs. E. H. Duggan, of which Mrs. Beatty is a member of the executive, from Major E. Bristol, private secretary to Sir Edward Kemp, in which Sir Edward has approved of the proposal, and he stated that arrangements would be made immediately to supply the necessary medical services for this hospital.

Lt. Col. Gilbert Barling, C.B., a noted British surgeon, states that great advances have been made in the treatment of the wounded. One of these is the promptness with which aid is given. Hospitals are placed close to the rear of the fighting line to which the wounded can soon be removed. The next important improvement is the early cleansing the wounds receive. Another advance is the arrangement for early and proper treatment for abdominal cases.

In the United States the National Anti-Vivisection Federation has been incorporated to co-ordinate the work of the local leagues. It is proposed to make an effort to restrain the liberties of laboratory workers.

It is stated that in the Toronto General Hospital it costs \$2.50 a day for patients. There are from 8,000 to 10,000 patients cared for in a year, towards whose maintenance the city and the Province contribute. The city pays \$1.25 a day and the Province 10 cents a day, making a total of \$1.35 a day. It costs, state the officials, \$17.50 a week for these patients, and the hospital receives \$9.45.

The announcement of the death of Professor Theodor Kocher, of Berne, will be received with the deepest regret by surgeons all over the world. He had a serious illness some time ago, but had recovered sufficiently to resume some of his professional duties this spring. All through his long career as a surgeon he was ever among the first to take advantage of every advance and himself broke new ground in many directions. His practice was founded on the constant study of physiology and pathology, and his wide views over the world field of surgery and his brilliant technique in the operating theatre had long made Berne a place of pilgrimage for the surgeons of Europe and America. He was born in 1841.

Sir George Birdwood, who died at Ealing on June 28th, in his 85th year, was a remarkable man, not only by reason of his learning and what he accomplished, but through the geniality, generosity and eagerness of his temperament. He had a solid knowledge of the natural products of India, of the art and history of its peoples, and a fund of curious information which made it a maxim of the India Office when a puzzling question of fact or custom arose to "ask Birdwood."