

5. That many men with organic disease of the valves of the heart need not be unconditionally rejected, though according to present regulations they must be, for many of them are entirely capable of undertaking special service not involving severe exertion, and some of them could, without harm, even be given duties requiring considerable bodily exertion. Experience in the armies in Europe would indicate that mild stenotic lesions stand strain better than lesions causing valvular insufficiency. The lesions of "barrage" are less serious than the lesions of "fuite."

6. That on the whole, while the study of cardiac murmurs is of great importance in estimating the fitness of a candidate for military service, still greater importances attaches to the study of the condition of the cardiac muscle and to the estimation of its ability to bear strain.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS

Sir Adam Beck, of London, Ontario, has presented to the Health Association a nurses' home worth \$30,000, as an act of gratitude for the recovery of his daughter from an illness. He has taken much interest in the campaign against tuberculosis.

The offer to Colonel A. E. Ross, of Kingston, of the post of Chief Medical Officer of the reorganized Fifth Army with the rank of major-general, is a great compliment to the Canadian forces. Hitherto almost every responsible post in the army or higher commands above the rank of brigadier-general, have been restricted to British officers. Colonel Ross owes his selection to the remarkable health record of the Canadian forces, of which he is at present Deputy Director of Medical Services, and the successes which have marked his administration during the past year.

Work has been started on the largest American hospital in Great Britain. It will be located at Salisbury, six miles from Southampton. It will accommodate 3,000 wounded Americans from the west front when completed. The site of the hospital is a magnificent country estate of nearly 200 acres which the Red Cross has purchased. The old manor house of the estate will be the central building of the new hospital, and around it the Red Cross is building nearly ten acres of hutments and wards.

Captain (Dr.) B. L. Guyatt, who had been on duty at the Toronto Bae Hospital, was made recently officer in command of the hospital at Camp Borden.