

Major D. W. Whitton, medical, is appointed to command a hospital ship, replacing Lieut.-Col. D. Donald. Lieut.-Col. E. J. Williams is appointed to command the Canadian hospital at Hastings, replacing Lt.-Col. H. E. Munro.

Dr. Alexander Davidson, Toronto, has received word that his son, Lieut. George T. Davidson, who was wounded in the Somme fighting, and was taken prisoner, died in a German hospital. He was wounded and captured on 25th October, 1916. Prior to enlisting he practised law in Medicine Hat.

Those who make and sell medicated wines are not having an easy time of late. Any beverage containing more than two and one-half per cent, alcohol is an infringement of the Temperance Act. It has been held that some of the so-called medicated wines are merely beverages.

The military authorities of the London, Ont., district are authority for the statement that 4 per cent. of the soldiers training in that district contract venereal diseases of some kind.

The Toronto hospitals have applied to the city council for aid. On account of the marked advance in the cost of living heavy liabilities have been incurred. The Toronto General is asking for \$60,000, the Weston Sanitarium for \$40,000, the Western Hospital for \$20,000, and the Hospital for Sick Children \$30,000.

The medical men of Kingston have taken steps with the Government to have 3rd and 4th year medical students exempted from military services. It is claimed there will be a shortage of medical graduates if this is not done.

The Universities of Columbia, N.Y.; Harvard, Mass.; Johns Hopkins, Md.; Cornell, N.Y., and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, N.Y., have opened their doors to women medical students.

The latest stimulant to appear in the limelight is ginger. It has become a very common practice for persons to purchase essence of ginger, which is consumed as a substitute for whiskey or brandy. Several deaths have followed its use.

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## OBITUARY

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### FREDERICK PHINEAS DRAKE, M.D.

Dr. F. P. Drake, of London, Ont., died on October 7th from heart disease, to which he had been a victim for several years. At the time of his death he was in his 65th year. He was the son of Dr. W. H. Drake, in former years a well-known physician of Windsor. Dr. Drake was