

or joints, excision was performed—41 times, with 33 recoveries. Hypertonic salt treatment alone was found to be unsuccessful, but combined with 2½ per cent. carbolic acid had given good results. Iodine vaccine therapy was tried, and appeared to be most successful when added streptococcal infection was present. Other methods used, such as continuous irrigation with eusol, Carrel's solution, or normal saline, apparently gave the same results. Ten cases of very severe gas gangrene had also been treated by antisera for *perfringens*, *oedematiens*, and *vibrion septique*, kindly supplied by Dr. Weinberg. In five cases (one being a septicaemia with triple anaërobic infection) the results had been successful. The fatal cases were already septicaemic before serum was given. There was distinct evidence that its curative use might be advantageous, and probably its prophylactic use even more valuable.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS

The National Committee of the United States for the Prevention of Blindness, is doing excellent work by the distribution of useful information. The committee has also been instrumental in introducing useful laws, and inducing some places to engage a nurse to take this work in hand.

The Department of the Provincial Secretary has issued a valuable pamphlet prepared by the Provincial Board of Health of Ontario on the antitoxines and vaccines sent out by the Board of Health.

Major R. D. Rudolf of Toronto, who was home for some time, has again returned to his army medical duties.

We are glad to note that Dr. George D. Porter, of Toronto, is in charge of the laboratory of the Military Hospital on Gerrard Street, Toronto.

Capt. Dr. Charles Temple, of Toronto, is attached to Moore Barracks, at Folkestone, and will remain there for some time.

Capt. Dr. A. H. Taylor, Victoria, has been awarded the military cross for distinguished bravery on the firing line.

Dr. George Armstrong, of Montreal, with rank of Lt.-Col., is now consulting surgeon in the C. E. F. in London, England.

Dr. H. R. Smith, of Toronto, and medical officer to King's Own Royal Lancasters, was severely wounded last December.

Dr. Walter Wright, of Toronto, has gone to England to do special eye work in the C.A.M.C.

Dr. R. W. Young, of Oshawa, went overseas when the war broke