

that prescribed for use of the Carrel-Dakin treatment, which has been the significance of the discovery will be appreciated when it is known that the majority of limb amputations are due to wound infections caused by gas gangrene. Major Pilcher has been at the front only a short while, but has made enough experiments with his new cure to justify his claim that the treatment of gas gangrene will be revolutionized. Quino-formol is what the new solution is called, and it is compounded of quinine, acetic and hydrochloric acids, and formalin, thymol and salt. It is said that it has the advantages of simplicity of preparation, stability and portability. According to Naboth Hedin, "its strength is easily varied without impairing its properties, and it is suitable for the initial treatment of wounds at dressing stations or evacuation hospitals."

Recent tests of quino-formol made at the Auteuil hospital during the recent influx of seriously wounded soldiers showed just one failure, and in six weeks not a single amputation was performed, undoubtedly a record since the beginning of the war. Dr. Pilcher says that his remedy is not a cure-all, but is applicable only where proper surgical methods have been taken already. Application of the solution is identical with that prescribed for use of the Carrel-Dakin treatment, which has been often used in conjunction with quino-formol. We can imagine hardly any medical discovery that would be so heartily welcomed by soldiers as one that would reduce the percentage of amputations. Many soldiers would no doubt prefer instant death to a wound that would make them helpless cripples for the remainder of their days.

W. A. D. ORGANIZE FOR HOSPITAL WORK.

The Department of Militia and Defence has, in co-operation with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, made arrangements for the establishment of a woman's aid department (W.A.D.) for work in the several military hospitals and convalescent hospitals throughout the Dominion. This department will be organized in three divisions:

- (1) V. A. Division :
 - (a) V. A. D. Nursing Service.
 - (b) V. A. D. Trainers.
- (2) Special Service Division :
Masseuses.
- (3) General Service Division :

Housekeepers, clerks, stenographers, typists, telephone operators, head cooks, cooks, etc.

Each hospital will have a general service superintendent and larger ones an assistant superintendent. The rates of pay and terms of engagements will be announced immediately.