

for two years and the boys were sent to the Elmira Reformatory for terms of thirteen and eighteen months.

British authorities have confirmed the report that every British hospital ship shall carry a neutral commissioner appointed by the Spanish Government. This has been done on account of Germany agreeing to give safe conduct to hospital ships provided a Spanish naval officer is on board to guarantee that the vessel is used only for the transport of the sick and wounded. Eleven Spanish officers have been sent to various ports indicated by the Allies.

Dr. John R. Thompson, consulting physician to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, and president of the British Medical Association in 1891, died recently at the age of 73.

The cornerstone of the 2,000,000 hospital and medical college which the Rockefeller Foundation is establishing in Pekin, China, was laid on September 24th by Fan Yuen-lien, Minister of Education. Dr. Frank Billings, of Chicago, who is returning from his work with the Red Cross Mission to Russia, made the principal address.

On July 27th last the medical profession throughout the world suffered a great and irreparable loss in the death of Professor Dr. Theodore Kocher, the famous chief surgeon of the Inselspital, Berne, Switzerland, and professor at the medical faculty of the Berne University.

The Public Safety Committee, of Pennsylvania, has undertaken a very useful work. One of its main purposes is to co-operate with the producers of serums, vaccines and biological preparations, so that there will not be an over-production of these agents, and in this way insure a freshness and reliability of these important products.

Dr. G. Murray Flock, superintendent of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital at Kingsville-in-the-Lake, has been appointed to the draft medical board at Windsor.

Official announcement is made that the Military Hospitals Commission will erect a six-hundred-bed convalescent hospital on property adjacent to the Macdonald College site, St. Anne de Bellevue, Que. McGill University will be associated with the Commission in the project.

Dr. M. B. Whyte has been appointed director of medical service in control of medical inspection of public and separate schools by the city Board of Health.

Hon. Dr. W. J. Roche has retired from the portfolio of the Interior and has been appointed chairman of the Civil Service Board.

On 12th October there were 9,039 patients enrolled on the strength of the Military Hospitals Commission command. There were 1,037 ill with tuberculosis, and those able to be outside were 7,237. There were 21,620 sick and wounded under treatment in Britain.