

are not those of any of the ordinary products of the combustion of explosives. On this point the symptoms described left not the slightest doubt in my mind."

Dr. Nasmith thinks that in most instances it was chlorine gas which was used by the Germans.

THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

This hospital has left Toronto, and at the moment of writing is on its way to the scene of action. There is a staff of thirty-nine physicians and surgeons, some seventy-five nurses, and three hundred other helpers.

The Board of Governors, the Senate, and the various faculties of the University bade them farewell a few days before they left. On that occasion President Falconer stated that \$25,000 had been donated for the hospital proper, and that \$13,000 had been given for supplies. Since that date a number of large donations have been received, one for \$40,000 from Mr. Hardy, son of a former Premier of Ontario.

In addition to the cash donations, there has been a marked display of generosity in the matter of giving useful supplies. These have been estimated at \$20,000.

Many ladies are engaged in the preparation of the various articles required in the proper conduct of such a hospital. Towels, sheets, slippers, socks, hot water bags, surgeon's gowns, bandages, ether jackets, nurses' caps, etc. Volunteer workers are needed to keep up the supplies, as in a short time the demand will be heavy.

One thing is certain, nothing must be left undone to make the University of Toronto Hospital one of the most efficient in the war arena. The cause is a great one. The work the hospital has to do is of the noblest sort. None of us must fail in our duty.

MENTAL DEFECTIVES.

In Ontario we are informed that the mental defectives are increasing. This one would have expected to be the case, as no steps have been taken of an active nature to restrain the marriage of mental weaklings, and consequently this unfortunate class goes on increasing. Dr. Helen MacMurchy in her report on these defectives remarks:

"They could be well and economically cared for, and their number prevented from increasing by placing them in training schools and industrial farm colonies. The population of Ontario is about 2,500,000. The number of mental defectives is about 2 to 3 per 1,000 of the total