

## NO. 4 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

When the University of Toronto made an offer of a hospital to the War Office it was naturally expected that the graduates would respond most generously to the call for financial assistance. A circular stating the requirements of the hospital was sent to the graduates throughout the Dominion. Several of these circulars found their way to the Dominion Observatory, and at the resulting meeting of the Toronto graduates on the staff of the Dominion Observatory and Geodetic Survey it was decided to provide two cots (\$100.00) and as far as possible maintain them by monthly contributions. How far this has been successful is shown by the following statement:

Two cots .....	\$100 00
Contributions for June....	62 00
"        July ...	62 00
"        August..	63 00
"        Sept. ...	65 00
"        Oct. ...	68 00
"        Nov. ...	65 00
"        Dec. ...	64 00
Total.....	\$549 00

While the contributors feel that individual subscriptions might be larger they have governed themselves by the fact that the two cots may have to be maintained for many months yet, so they are giving regularly at a rate which can be continued as long as the demand continues.

## ASTRONOMERS MEET.

At the first meetings of the spring term of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada the following were elected members of the society: Dr. M. C. Larochelle, Civil Service Commission; Mr. F. E. Buck, Experimental Farm; Mr. T. L. Tanton, Geologi-

cal Survey; Mr. M. G. Jamieson, Dominion Observatory.

Dr. R. J. McDiarmid, of the staff of the Dominion Observatory, gave a lecture on "Photometric Measures of Eclipsing Variable Stars."

At the second meeting, on January 28th, Mr. W. E. Harper of the Observatory lectured on "Nebulae."

## A PROUD RECORD.

The family of Hemsley R. Holmden of the Public Archives probably stands first among the civil servants' families who are "doing their bit" in the present war. Mr. and Mrs. Holmden have given five sons to the army. One sleeps at Ypres and four remain in arms to avenge him.

Captain Stuart Murray Holmden, Adjutant of the 51st Battalion, C. E.F., has served in the Royal Navy, in the Mounted Police, and in the Canadian Militia. He was with a light horse regiment in South Africa and his Queen's medal has six clasps. He, too, is a civil servant, having been in charge of the Meteorological office in Edmonton before he enlisted.

Quartermaster Sergeant Eric Holmden of the Canadian Ordnance Corps was formerly in the Mounted Police.

Lance Corporal Rolf Holmden, 73rd Highlanders, was a government official in the States, but his brother's death brought him home to enlist.

Lance Corporal Kenneth Holmden, 73rd Highlanders, was formerly in the A.M.C., and holds a commission in the Governor General's Foot Guards.

Private George Lawrence Holmden was a 16th Light Horse recruit to the 5th Battalion, C.E.F. He fought at LaBassée, St. Julien, Festubert and Hill 45, and was killed near Ypres on August 19th, 1915.

As a family record this very probably is unequalled in the Civil Service of Canada.