

A Good Friend of the Kingswood Boys.

Mr. R. B. Leech devotes all his spare time to Entertaining Wounded Soldiers, and those at "Kingswood" are especially favored by him.

It would be almost impossible to tell of all the innumerable thoughtful and kindly deeds of our good friend and near neighbor Mr. R. B. Leech, of Wood Hall Cottage, Dulwich. He has indeed been a loyal and generous friend, and most unselfish and unsparing in his efforts to help towards the well-being and enjoyment of all at Kingswood.

Mr. Leech is a very busy man, but he devotes all his spare time—an afternoon or two every week, and his evenings—to entertaining wounded soldiers at three or four Military Hospitals and Convalescent Homes in the neighborhood, of which Kingswood is one, and the most favored.

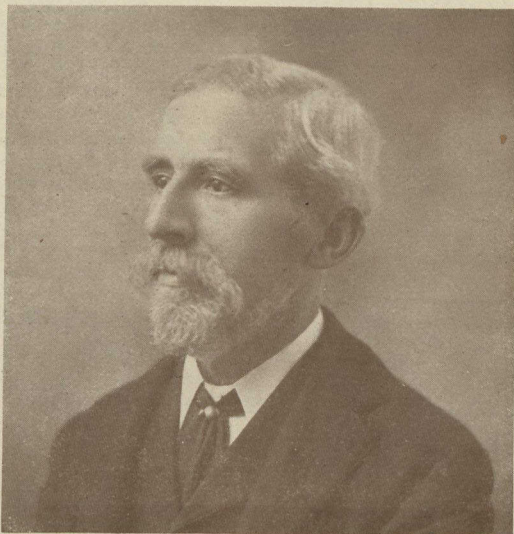
Seldom a week passes but he invites three or four of our men out to an afternoon performance at one or other of the London theatres; he often has small parties of the men at his private house to spend the evening or Sunday afternoons, or to visit the splendid gardens and conservatories under his charge. On several occasions he and his friends have invited large parties of 20 or 25 of our men to local Flower Shows, concerts, etc., always followed by a liberal tea. He organized perfectly two or three large Whist Drives in our Recreation Hall for our men, in which over 70 players took part, and for which he provided a number of handsome prizes.

Every week he sends us from the splendid gardens and conservatories of which he is the custodian, a large quantity of the most beautiful cut flowers for the decoration of the rooms in the Home. He also sends from time to time when in season, quantities of apples, pears, mulberries, blackberries, grapes, etc., for the patients.

For the Opening ceremony and Dominion Day celebration he loaned us a large quantity of fine hot-house plants and palms, also flags and bunting. He has also lent us for the men's use a large gramophone, a barometer, two croquet sets, etc.

These are only a few of his many kindly acts, all done so quietly and unostentatiously by one of the most genuinely kind-hearted, unselfish and unassuming of men. He has endeared himself to all, staff and patients alike, who look upon him as "one of the family"; in fact, Kingswood would not be Kingswood at all without Mr. Leech.

Mr. Leech was for many years Head Superintendent and Gardener of the property of the late Mr. J. C. Enos of Wood Hall, Dulwich, who kept eighteen or twenty gardeners.



MR. R. B. LEECH.

VISITORS AT "KINGSWOOD"

Kingswood was visited on 20th October by the Duchess of Devonshire and Lady Maud Cavendish, accompanied by Mrs. Gooderham (Toronto), and Mrs. Reynolds; and on 31st October by Lady Cameron and Mrs. Cameron, accompanied by Mrs. Reynolds.

MASSAGE.

Arrangements have been completed for the training of our Nursing Staff on Massage work. A competent Instructor from one of the Training Institutions has been engaged and will visit Kingswood three days a week, giving a three hours' course at each visit. All the Nursing Staff will take advantage of this opportunity of perfecting themselves in this most necessary part of their duties.