

Pavilion Variety Theatre, the invitation reaching us through the Canadian Chaplains' Service.

On the evening of 22nd March, we had a very nice concert in our Recreation Hall arranged by Miss Hindley and a party of local ladies.

In addition to the foregoing, a number of whist drives, cribbage and billiard competitions were arranged for the men during the evenings, the winners being presented with useful prizes from the fund kindly provided for this and similar purposes by several good friends in Toronto and London.

Gifts to Patients.

Last summer the young ladies in the Toronto Office of the Company collected a considerable sum by signatures of members of the staff for an "Autograph Quilt." With the proceeds they very kindly sent us a large case containing maple sugar, peanut butter, chewing gum and chocolate, which reached us in August last. The maple sugar and the chocolate in particular were very highly appreciated by the men, and they were distributed to them from time to time at our evening concerts during the winter. The Autograph Quilt itself came to hand in January, and has been given a place of honor on one of the beds in one of the principal wards.

The young ladies also very kindly sent us recently 33 pairs of very fine hand-knitted socks, which were much appreciated by the men, as they are very much superior to and more comfortable than the usual army issue.

The Knitting Club composed of young ladies in the Melbourne Office of the Company have just sent us another large batch of knitted goods comprising 100 pairs of hand-knitted socks, also a number of mufflers and Balaclava helmets for the use of our men. These are all made from very fine quality wool, well knitted, and are a most acceptable gift.

Our good friend and neighbor, Mr. C. Bingham, sent, for the use of the staff, a very fine home-cured ham—a most acceptable and highly valued gift in these days of short rations.

Our neighbor, Miss Hanks, has again sent us several large parcels of newspapers and magazines for the men, also a quantity of silk, wool, etc., for those of the men who do fancy embroidery and knitting work in their spare time. Quite a number have been taught to do this kind of work in the hospitals, and it helps to pass agreeably and usefully the long tedious hours of their convalescence.

We have from time to time received generous monetary contributions to our special fund which is set aside for the purchase of prizes for billiard, whist, bridge, bagatelle, and other competitions; for sending parties of the men to the theatre or paying their railway fares to other entertainments when unable to do so themselves. Many of our men have never been to a theatre in England, and some have not been to a theatre of any kind since they left their homes in Canada two or three years ago; so that a visit to one of the famous London theatres is greatly appreciated. While in hospital they do not receive their full rates of pay, and when funds are thus short the men are all the more appreciative when they are treated to such an entertainment free of charge. Amongst others, contributions to this fund have been made by Messrs. T. Findley, J. N. Shenstone, J. D. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth, Mr. Jas. S. Duncan (Paris).

Visitors

On the afternoon of 16th February, the Home was visited by Princess Alice of Teck, accompanied by Mrs. Raynolds. Princess Alice is usually in residence at Windsor Castle, and on the occasion of many of the visits which parties of our men have made to the Castle, she has taken a great interest in them and personally superintended the serving of the lunch to which they are always entertained. She was, therefore, specially interested in visiting Kingswood, and closely inspected the various wards, recreation rooms, surgery and even the kitchen.

On 20th March we had a visit from the Honorary Commandant, Mrs. Lucas, the Acting Commandant, Mrs. Breeze, and the Quartermaster from the neighboring British Red Cross Hospital at "Woodhall." That Hospital was formerly carried on at "Homedale," another house in the neighborhood, but was moved recently to larger and more suitable premises at "Woodhall." This was formerly the residence of the late Mr. J. C. Eno, and our very good friend, Mr. Leech, acts as Superintendent of the very fine gardens and grounds surrounding it.

These three ladies were accompanied by Miss Muncaster, the Chief Inspector of Military Hospitals and Kitchens for the Imperial War Office, who, after minute inspection, expressed herself as very pleasantly surprised and pleased with the varied and well balanced menu, with the cooking arrangements and with the well-cooked and wholesome dinner which she saw being served to the men.