



EVENING AT KINGSWOOD.

Report of the Resident Secretary

For September, 1916

During the month of September, we experienced some of the preparations for, and the results of, the heavy fighting in which the Canadians took part on the 15th to 17th September.

A large number of Canadians were moved early in September from the Ypres district to the Somme battleground, and in preparation for the anticipated casualties in their ranks, the Canadian hospitals and convalescent homes in England were evacuated as far as possible.

Following several special examinations early in September by members of the Canadian Medical Staff, a large number of our patients were sent out from "Kingswood," some to re-join their regiments, others for special treatment in specially equipped hospitals, and still

others for return to Canada and discharge as unfit for further active service.

In the latter part of the month we gradually filled up again to our full capacity of 110, and already have a number of patients who were wounded in the desperate fighting around Courcellette on 15th, 16th and 17th September, in which the Canadians covered themselves with glory, and alas! suffered such heavy casualties.

Several men who were through the fighting around Ypres and St. Eloi, as well as on the Somme, say that even the worst of the battles in the Ypres district were nothing compared with the terrific bombardments, and the desperate hand-to-hand fighting in the trenches and dug-outs on the Somme battlefield.