

On the afternoon of 26th Feb., 10 men paid a visit to the London Zoological Gardens, followed by tea, by invitation of our Masseur, Mrs. Westall, who accompanied the party.

On 28th Feb., 20 men attended a matinee performance at the Adelphi Theatre, London, by kind invitation of Major Clarke of the Canadian Medical Headquarters Staff.

The same evening we had a very enjoyable concert here, given by Miss Gladys Harper and her party of local ladies, assisted by three British soldiers (professional singers in pre-war days), now in training near-by at the Crystal Palace.

In addition to the foregoing entertainments there were, as usual, a number of small parties of the men invited out to spend an afternoon or evening in the homes of several of our neighbors.

As will be seen by this summary, Kingswood has many kind friends and neighbors, who continue to take a great and sympathetic interest in our boys, and in one way or another, endeavor to provide them with that healthy recreation which is so greatly needed and appreciated by them, after all the hardships they have endured at the Front.

VISITORS AT KINGSWOOD

The great event of the month was the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to Kingswood on the afternoon of 8th Feb. They were fortunate to see the Home under very favorable winter conditions for London, a clear sky, bright and sunny, the park and grounds looking well under their covering of snow, and to complete the picture of Canada in London, a number of our boys skating on the lake. Indoors, too, everything was clean and bright, for the boys continue to take such a pride in keeping all the rooms in the Home clean and tidy, that they are always ready for a "surprise visit," as this was, at two hours' notice. One of our patients, Pte. Alan B. Hobbs, has contributed a special description of the Royal visit.

On the afternoon of 19th Feb., we had a visit from the Countess of Minto, accompanied by Lady Evelyn Farquhar, Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley and Mrs. Raynolds. They spent some time going through the principal rooms, talking sympathetically to many of the men, and were highly pleased with everything.

On the 24th Feb., the Home was visited by Surgeon-General Carleton Jones, of the Canadian Army Medical Service. He made a very thorough inspection of the various Recreation Rooms, Wards, Surgery, etc., talked with several of the men regarding their wounds, the medical, surgical or massage treatment they were receiving, their meals, and the general arrangements of the Home. He expressed great pleasure and satisfaction with all the

arrangements made for the men's treatment and general comfort.

GIFTS FOR PATIENTS

Following the Royal visit, Her Majesty showed her interest in Kingswood by giving instructions to the Headquarters of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild to send us from their huge stocks at St. James' Palace, a large quantity of the most useful surgical dressings, arm and leg slings, special boots for curing "dropped-foot," etc. Two large cases of cigarettes were also sent, enough to keep our boys smoking for months to come.

By command of His Majesty, we received a large hamper of pheasants from the Royal coverts at Sandringham. There were enough to give all the boys a special treat of Royal Roast Pheasant, a dinner that vied in popularity with that of Christmas Day.

We also received this month from members of the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, Toronto, a large number of Toilet Hold-alls, complete with toilet requisites, and slippers. These are being given out to those of our patients who do not already have such articles—and this occurs in a good many cases, as when a man is wounded and sent to England, he rarely is able to collect or bring with him his small personal belongings. They will be extremely useful and welcome gifts, and are greatly appreciated by the men.

A Visit to a London City Guild Hall

— Contributed by a Patient, Pte. Alan B. Hobbs —

To be entertained by a London City Livery Company boasting a history of over 600 years was the unique privilege of thirty Kingswood patients, on February 22nd, 1917. Including our boys, two hundred wounded Overseas men were the guests of "The Worshipful Company of Ironmongers" in their historic hall, crowded with relics and associations which go back long before Canada or the New World was discovered.

There are in London no fewer than eighty "Livery Companys" or Guilds, most of them formed hundreds of years ago. Each of these represents a particular trade, such as The Silk Mercers, The Haberdashers, The Goldsmiths, The Ironmongers, etc.

Several of these Companies are exceedingly wealthy, owning valuable land and house-property in the City, the annual income from which amounts in some cases, to over half a million dollars. They are all extremely liberal in the distribution of their incomes, which are