



Canadian Red Cross Society Recreation Hut.

men know that whether the programme calls for a concert or a moving picture show, it will be well worth while attending. This is due to the offices of the Y.M.C.A. (which, by the way, is under Imperial management). Since the very first day on which patients began to arrive at the Hospital, concert parties of the highest order have been a twice weekly feature, and one night a week a lantern lecture, covering a wide range of subjects and places, has been a popular medium of information and entertainment. In this building, Swedish remedial exercises are carried on each morning of the week, while on Sunday morning it is used for Church Parade service.

To the north of the Mansion, close by the Huts—which were erected to accommodate extra patients—a Y.M.C.A. Hut was erected and is under the management of Mr. Starkey, and here the men are able to purchase refreshments, play billiards, write and read at leisure, and receive the help of sympathetic and wise counsel. This building is a popular rendezvous seven days of the week, and its services are a valuable asset to the Hospital. Its erection was made possible owing to the generous response of the people of the neighbouring city of Reading, supplemented from the funds of the British Y.M.C.A. headquarters at London.

## The Chronicle of the Hospital.

On September 20, 1915, the Hospital was opened, and for two years it has devoted itself unsparingly to the securing in every possible way the welfare and happiness of the 20,000 men who have come under its care. Associated with the Officer Commanding at the commencement were Hon. Capt. I. D. Carson, who acted as Quartermaster, and Capt. Gillespie, of Pincher Creek, Alberta, of Queen's University Hockey Intercollegiate fame, who acted as Registrar and Adjutant,

and Capt. Logan Towers, of Berlin (better known as Kitchener), Ontario, who was the genial Medical Officer. Thirty-two husky "other ranks" completed the *personnel*. Thanks to the generous assistance of the Transport belonging to No. 4. British Remount Depôt, kindly loaned by our excellent military neighbour, Major Foster, 300 beds and equipment were taken on charge from the railway and were soon in position. These were easily accommodated in the