



Bronze Tablet "The Field of The Cloth of Gold"
Fire Place in Recreation Hall.

Report of the Resident Secretary For February and March, 1918.

The months of February and March passed quietly, with very little change in the work of the Home.

Since last fall at Passchendaele Ridge, the Canadians have not been in any heavy fighting during the winter months, and so far only a very small number of them have been engaged in the recent great battle on the Somme. The number of Canadian wounded sent over from France has, therefore, fortunately been very low. The "active" treatment hospitals in England had been evacuated as far as possible in preparation for the anticipated large numbers of wounded men from the Somme battle, but fortunately the numbers have not been nearly so great as anticipated. These evacuations caused a temporary rush of patients to us, but not so great as the medical authorities had

asked us to prepare for. Since the closing of the Kenyon Huts at the end of December, our total accommodation for the winter months has been 102 beds, but during February and March the average number in the Home has been about 85 only.

The proportion of dressing cases still continues high—about 80% of the total number of patients in the Home—whilst the massage cases have been slightly fewer—about 20% or 25%.

The weather in the latter part of February and early part of March was extremely fine and spring-like, so that the men were able to be out of doors a great deal, taking exercise in the grounds and by walks in the neighborhood. Those who are more able-bodied have also been able to put in an hour or two's work in the forenoons in the gardens and grounds.