

is now the fourteenth time she has kindly invited parties of our men to these splendid entertainments, which are given to about 300 convalescent soldiers every fortnight by a committee of ladies.

On 7th Feb., Parliament was opened by their Majesties the King and Queen, and about 35 of our men went to St. James' Park, where they secured good positions on The Mall, or Processional Way, and had an excellent view of the Royal Procession as it passed on its way from Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament. On this occasion, in addition to a Travelling Escort of Royal Horse Guards Blue, there was an Imperial Escort composed of mounted officers representing the armies of Canada, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the British West Indies, their khaki uniforms being relieved by the gorgeous equipment of twenty native Princes and officers of the Indian Army. Our boys were greatly interested in what was a quite unique and historic procession.

The same evening, 7th Feb., we had another most enjoyable concert, by a party of local ladies, organized by Miss Cox.

On the evening of 9th Feb., our good friend Mr. R. B. Leech, accompanied by about 25 of his friends in the neighborhood, came and entertained our men to another whist drive. About 80 in all took part, including the Matron and Nurses, also the Matron and two Nurses from the neighboring British Red Cross Convalescent Hospital, and the N.C.O. in charge of a large British Military Hospital near by. All the arrangements were made by Mr. Leech in a most admirable manner, and he also generously provided very handsome prizes for the winners. Songs and monologues were given at intervals by talented lady members of the party, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all was passed.

On the afternoon of 9th Feb., a small party of our men were shown over the offices and printing works of the famous "Times" newspaper, by kind invitation of the Manager, Mr. H. Corbett.

On Sunday forenoon, 11th Feb., about 80 of our men attended a special service for soldiers, conducted at a neighboring church by Captain the Rev. D. J. Hayley, an Army Chaplain home on short leave from France. A neighbor, Mr. John Pearce, who has on several occasions entertained large parties of our men, kindly arranged for motor cars belonging to himself and friends to convey all our men to the church and back again. The service was most appropriate, it was joined in very heartily by our men and the general congregation, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

On the afternoon of 15th Feb., 30 of our men went to Trafalgar Square, London, to see the great City Demonstration in favor of the

War Loan. A procession, headed by the Lord Mayor in his state carriage, and including two Guards' Brass Bands, and the Mayors of several of the other London boroughs, marched from the Guild Hall through the principal streets of the city to the great historic place for public meetings in the west-central district, Trafalgar Square. There, from half-a-dozen platforms, the huge crowd of scores of thousands was addressed by many well-known politicians and business men, urging them to subscribe to the National War Loan. Many of our men were very keenly interested in any event such as this, affecting municipal or national affairs in the capital.

On 16th Feb., we had a splendid evening concert in our Recreation Hall, arranged by our good friend and neighbor, Mr. H. S. Cadle, Solicitor for the extensive Dulwich College properties and estates.

On the evening of 17th Feb., 12 of our men attended a concert in a neighboring Hall as the guests of the local Troop of Boy Scouts. On the same date another party of 12 men attended a social evening and dance given by the teachers and members of a local Educational Institute.

On the afternoon of 20th Feb., a party of 14 men attended another of the fortnightly concerts and teas at the Savoy Hotel, again as guests of Mrs. Corbett. The same afternoon, 28 men attended a matinee performance at the well-known Empire Variety Theatre, by kind invitation of the Manager.

On 21st Feb., a party of 8 men spent a most enjoyable afternoon at a matinee performance at one of the well-known London theatres, the Criterion, by kind invitation of the Manager. The same afternoon a small party of our men, accompanied by the Matron and Sister Powell, visited the Houses of Parliament, a most interesting and instructive outing, greatly enjoyed by all.

On the afternoon of 22nd Feb., 34 men paid a visit to the ancient guild hall of one of the London City Livery Companies, "The Ironmongers." There they were hospitably entertained by the office-bearers of the Ironmongers' Company. The party was conveyed to the hall and back again by motor bus, kindly provided by the Royal Colonial Institute. This most interesting outing was arranged by our good friend, Mr. R. B. Leech, and Mr. Wm. Chamberlain, of the Royal Colonial Institute. A special description has been written by one of our patients, Pte. Alan B. Hobbs.

On the evening of 22nd Feb., we had an excellent concert here by Mr. A. Squire's Choir of 40 local school-children, who are splendidly trained and displayed exceptionally good talent.

On 23rd Feb., 12 men and two of the nurses attended a concert in aid of the Red Cross funds, by invitation of the local organizers.