



WINTER SPORT AT KINGSWOOD.

England, so that our patients have not been able to get out much for an airing in the grounds.

In these conditions, our large, airy, well-heated Recreation Hall, and the Palm House, provide ample room for the men to spend the long dark evenings, and bad days, in comfortable surroundings, reading, writing, playing various games, listening to songs, orchestral selections, etc., on the gramophone, or to some of their number playing the piano, or to a large group of them gathered around it singing together and singing well, some of the old favourite songs. The Billiard Room, too, is ever popular, and tournaments are organized regularly, in which the men take great interest.

When the weather was fine enough, our motor car has taken out small parties of the men for a run round the interesting parts of London, the most popular trip including Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Government Offices, Horse Guards, the Park and Buckingham Palace with the ceremony of the changing of the Guard.

Concerts were arranged for, weekly, in our Recreation Hall, and parties of the men were also invited out from time to time to other entertainments, of which the principal have been as follows:

New Year's Day is very little celebrated in England, except that in London the day is ushered in, as twelve o'clock strikes, by the

ringing of the many church bells, by the blowing of hundreds of steam syrens on the steamers lying in the Thames and in the Docks, and at factories all over the Metropolis, and by fervid London-Scots meeting at the same hour around St. Paul's Cathedral to wish each other a "Guid New Year" and pass around their pocket flasks of "mountain dew." But in war time these customs are discontinued, the young Scots are "somewhere in France," and the Anti-Zeppelin precautions forbid the ringing of bells or blowing of syrens after dark.

To mark the day at Kingswood, our men had an extra good dinner with a "second edition" of the Christmas plum pudding, and in the evening there was a service of fruit, nuts, cigarettes, etc., in the Recreation Hall.

Ten of our men attended a most enjoyable New Year's evening party and supper at the Lambeth District Convalescent Home for Imperial soldiers, situated close to Kingswood. We are on very cordial terms with our neighbours at that Home our men exchanging visits and fraternising on the most friendly terms with the "Tommies" there. The Staffs of the two Homes also exchange visits, and endeavour in many ways to be mutually helpful.

On the afternoon of 2nd January, 20 of our men attended one of the well-known and highly reputed Concerts and Teas given fortnightly at the Savoy Hotel, London, by a party of ladies of whom our good friend and neighbour Mrs. Corbett is one, to 300 convalescent