



## The King and Queen Visit "Kingswood"

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"The King and Queen are coming to-day to Kingswood!"

That was the stirring announcement that set everyone on the "qui vive" last Thursday, 8th February. It was the only topic of conversation.

"Fancy Their Majesties coming to see us," exclaimed one of the boys, "when any number of people would give a fortune for the privilege of calling on them!"

If anything could deepen the respect in which everyone holds our Sovereign and his Consort, the simple, hearty and straightforward manner of their visit would have done so.

Attended only by Sir Charles Cust, the King's Equerry, and Lady Airlie, Lady-in-waiting to the Queen, they arrived at "Kingswood" promptly at 3 o'clock. Received by The Matron Miss Hardinge, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. C. W. Dawkins and Mr. W. B. Jamieson, Their Majesties at once began a thorough inspection of our beautiful home. As they passed through the Recreation Room, all the patients naturally stood at attention. "Sit down, boys," urged the King heartily, "Go on with your games."

In Ward 1, a couple of bed-patients had the honour of an interesting chat with the King and Queen. How closely His Majesty

keeps in touch with present-day conditions at the Front, appears from his jovial comment, "Our barrage keeps Fritz guessing!" The Queen showed particular interest in watching a patient with a disabled shoulder receive massage treatment.

The Palm Room and Terrace, Billiard, Dining and other rooms were all inspected, Their Majesties expressing keen appreciation of the magnificent accommodation provided by the Home. The Surgery and Wards upstairs were next visited. The Apostles' Room (Ward 2), and the rare old fireplaces from French Chateaux in the different Rooms were particularly noted.

Lady Airlie instantly recognized the Culloden Room as a replica of Queen Mary's famous apartment at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh. Their Majesties also noted with interest the panel in this room marking the spot where stood, during Mr. Lawson Johnston's occupancy of Kingswood, the bedstead used by Prince Charles Edward for three nights previous to the fateful battle of Culloden, a piece of furniture which cost Mr. Johnston £750.

From the windows of Ward 4 the Royal party obtained a good view of a merry group of patients skating on the artificial lake. On the front lawn, too, the King was shown the