

Report of the Resident Secretary

For July, 1916.

During July, life and work in the Home have followed their normal course. By fitting extra beds in some of the Wards and by utilizing more fully one of the cottages in the grounds, the accommodation has been increased until now we can take 110 patients all told.

The men still continue to take a pride and pleasure in keeping all the bedrooms and recreation rooms clean and tidy, and in good order, and they also take an interest in doing a little light work in the grounds daily. One of the patients who before the war acted as Gardener in the Exhibition Grounds at Toronto (Sergt. Urquhart), is in charge of this gardening work, and under his instruction the men take a real interest in the plants, shrubs and flowers, and in keeping all the grounds in excellent order. The Medical Officer continues to be highly pleased with the beneficial results in the men's health secured by this open-air exercise.

Although the weather in the early part of July was rather wet and cold and unfavorable for the men's outings, they have nevertheless been able to enjoy quite a large number of the Motor drives, Garden Parties and other entertainments.

The principal event of this kind during the month was the sports, Garden Party and Concert arranged for the men here in our own grounds on Dominion Day, 1st July. Bulletin No. 5 contained a special description of the entertainment on that day, which will be a bright spot and event for the boys to look back upon with pleasure for many a long day to come.

Other entertainments to which our men were kindly invited by some of our good friends and neighbors in the Dulwich district during the month were as follows ;

On the 3rd, thirty men were invited to a garden party with games such as croquet, bowls, tennis, clock golf, etc., on the lawn, followed by a sumptuous tea, also out-of-doors, under the trees on the lawn.

On the 5th, twelve men were invited to join in a large Garden Party, organized for charitable purposes, with games, music, recitations, songs, etc., all out-of-doors, followed by tea on the lawn. On the same day also, another neighbor drove five of the men in her Motor car to the large Summer Flower Show of the Horticultural Society at Holland House, West London, This party was specially made



A corner in one of the Wards