

in his gilded state-coach, detachments of Imperial, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and South African troops. The firms mentioned also very kindly provided a liberal and excellent supply of refreshments for the men.

On 1st November, 50 men and 2 nurses were invited by the Vicar of a neighboring church (Christ's Church) to a tea party, with music, games, etc., followed by an excellent supper.

On 7th and again on 21st November, 20 men on each occasion, went to the usual splendid Concert and Tea at the Savoy Hotel, to which a party of our men are invited every fortnight by our neighbor, Mrs. Corbett.

On 8th November, 25 men and 2 nurses went to the Autumn Flower Show of the Dulwich Horticultural Society, the entertainment including a concert and ample tea, all by kind invitation of our good friend Mr. R. B. Leech.

On 10th November, we had an excellent Evening Concert in our Recreation Hall by a party of 8 ladies, arranged by Miss D. Douglas.

On 14th November, a very enjoyable Evening Concert was given in the Home by Mrs. Spurrett and party.

On 17th November, the evening was devoted to a Whist Drive in the Recreation Hall, kindly arranged by Mr. R. B. Leech and a number of his friends, and in which about 80 in all took part. Mr. Leech not only made all the arrangements in excellent shape, but he very generously provided a number of valuable prizes for the winners. The evening was a most successful and enjoyable one for all.

On 22nd November, 20 men were entertained at a Concert and Tea at one of the local church halls, by invitation of Mrs. Windsor, who on several occasions has kindly invited parties of our men to tea and to spend the evening in her home.

On the evening of the 24th November, we had a Concert in the Recreation Hall, arranged by the Assistant-Matron, Miss Powell, all the performers being our own patients. For some weeks beforehand, Miss Powell had devoted her spare time in the evenings to training the men, and the result was highly creditable to her and the performers also. Some exceptionally good singers were found among the patients; the men took a special interest in the enterprise, and the evening was one of the most enjoyable for performers and audience alike.

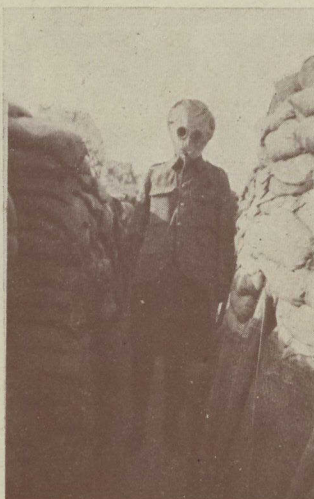
On 29th November, 12 men were invited by our friend, Miss Loudon Shand, to a Concert and Tea at the local municipal hall.

Apart from these entertainments, during the month there were about twenty small parties of the men invited out to tea and to spend the afternoon or evening in the homes of several of our neighbors. Most of our men have been far away from their own homes in Canada for a year or two, so that a quiet evening in an English home is very welcome to them, and most highly appreciated.

During the greater part of December, the Home has continued to be occupied to its full capacity. The men now being sent from France to the hospitals and convalescent homes in England are mostly those suffering from the effects of exposure to the wet and cold weather in the trenches which bring on such maladies as Trench Fever, Trench Feet, Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatism of various kinds, Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Pneumonia, etc. We have lately been receiving a number of such men at Kingswood, although the most of our patients continue to be those who have been wounded. The Canadians have not been engaged in any heavy fighting since October, so that very few wounded men have been coming from France. But the "acute" hospitals in England have continued to discharge men who have at last reached the convalescent stage—men who were wounded six, eight or ten weeks ago in the September and October fighting, and whose limb fractures or wounds, being serious, have taken longer to heal.

We now receive comparatively few "shell-shock" cases, partly because these are mostly treated now in a special Canadian convalescent Home at Buxton, but chiefly because our superiority in aircraft scouting and observation work, and our mastery of the Germans in the weight and quality of our artillery fire, prevents the Germans from subjecting our trenches to any heavy or well-aimed discharge of shells, such as our men often suffered from until a few months back.

Patients who are suffering with lung or heart weakness as a result of "Poison Gas" are now also comparatively few here. The Germans seldom attack in force now, and seldom discharge gas in large quantities from cylinders or pipes as they used to, but when they now do so, the gas helmets and other



CANADIAN WEARING A GAS
HELMET IN THE TRENCHES
NEAR YPRES.