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## Report of the Resident Secretary.

April and May, 1918.

During the months of April and May there has been very little change in the general conditions and little of interest to report in the general life of the Home.

Fortunately the Canadians have not been engaged to any extent in any of the heavy fighting which took place during March, April and May on the Western Front. There have consequently been very few Canadian casualties sent from France to England, and the comparatively few new patients we received were men who have been wounded in small local "raids," or some of the most seriously wounded men who have been in the "active" hospitals since the Passchendaele fighting last October and who have only now reached the convalescent stage.

Our accommodation has never been taxed to the full during the two months and in May in particular our numbers have been very low, from 70 to 80 men only, all told. A similar state of affairs fortunately exists in the other

Canadian hospitals and convalescent homes; also in many of the Imperial hospitals.

The proportion of dressing and massage cases remains about the same, viz., from 80% to 90% of dressing cases and from 20% to 25% of massage cases out of the total number of patients in the Home.

The weather in April was rather cold and wet, but in May although the nights were cold, the days were for the most part beautifully fine and bright. The shrubberies, grounds and meadows at Kingswood and the surrounding country districts are now looking at their best. After the men have had their dressings and massage attended to, they are now able on fine days to spend an hour or two every forenoon in the grounds. Those who are fairly fit are able to do a little light gardening work, hoeing and weeding the borders, mowing the lawns, whilst even the cripples are eager to bear a hand and do what they can weeding the paths or flower borders. The afternoons are spent in