



General Sir Richard Turner, V.C., Meeting the Nursing Sisters.

for many of our manly Canadian patients. Miss Montizambert was official Red Cross visitor for the Canadian Society Headquarters in London. Her efforts on our behalf always met with generous response, and the lack of motor transport, which necessitated Miss Montizambert discontinuing this personal duty at Bear Wood, brought to a close very happy departmental associations. The present visitor, Mrs. Wodehouse, was recommended by Miss Montizambert

to carry on this branch of the Reading district work.

Mr. and Mrs. Howkins, Sindlesham Mill, have constantly interested themselves in the welfare of the Canadians here. Many enjoyable afternoons of tennis have resulted from their hospitality.

Mr. Lowry, Thames Conservancy staff, has conveyed many happy parties of patients from here on his different launches from Reading.

Y.M.C.A.

The extent of the activities of the Y.M.C.A. are worthy of note, as really it has proven to be a friend indeed. During the period of 20 months 594 days, 83 of which were Sundays, £8,628 13s. 7d. were taken over the counter. The highest takings for one day were £41 11s. 3d. Another concrete example of the activities of this canteen is that in September, 1917, one ton nine hundred and sixty-six pounds of fruit were sold, and during the next month two and a quarter tons, chiefly apples. From the above receipts the sum of £825 13s. 2d. was paid out for recreation purposes—outdoor sports and entertainments. Three hundred and fourteen shows were staged in the Recreation Hut (Red Cross) during the twenty months by arrangement of the Y.M.C.A., viz., 126 concerts, 125

picture shows, 36 dramatic performances, and 27 illustrated lectures. In addition to the above, a religious meeting was held every Friday evening of a nature which appealed to the boys. During January, 1918, a change of leaders was necessary owing to Mr. Starkey leaving for a new field of work near Manchester. It was deemed a good time to change to Canadian Army Y.M.C.A. supervision. Arrangements were completed and all stock was purchased, including equipment and the Hut, costing \$3,500.00. which was paid for by the Canadian Y.M.C.A. This closed a most happy association with Reading Y.M.C.A., which has been appreciatively referred to more than once in these records. Outstanding personalities in these successful undertakings were Mr. Martin