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Massey-Harris  
Convalescent Home  
*IN ENGLAND*  
*For Canadian Soldiers*

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*Bulletin No. 6*

“KINGSWOOD,”

DULWICH,

LONDON, S.E.



Haymaking at Kingswood.





Tea was served on the lawn.

## A Suburban Garden Party

— Reported by Nurse Oram —

“Thirty-five men are invited to a Garden Party given by Mrs. —, of —, Dulwich, July —, 1916, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Motors will call at 2.45 p.m.”

So read the formal invitation. There is no difficulty in recruiting 35 men to go, although the boys might almost say in their expressive acquired English they were “fed up with them,” so many similar invitations come. But our English neighbors are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the War, for it has all England in its grasp and the people in obedience to it, in their anxiety to help, are not forgetful of the brave ones to whom are due the present wonderful successes, and in their entertaining of those who are laid aside for the present, too much cannot be done. They are most charming hosts, and the proverbial English reserve is apparently entirely set aside during War time. Everything is done to give the boys a thoroughly good time, and it is during the period of convalescence that such consideration means so much, and tangible signs of appreciation as Garden Parties, Motor Drives, special trips and Sunday Teas, count vastly more than medicine, and cause doctors' and nurses' care to sink into purely supervising. The kind friends who invited the boys on this occasion also arranged to send Motor Cars to fetch them and on the arrival of the cars at “Kingswood,” the boys are too eager not to be on the lawn waiting and watching, and crutches, slings and head-bandages are much in evidence as the cars are filled. Away they spin down the drive which is completely arched with the big lime trees now in full blossom, and the massive oaks and chestnuts, passing the end of the lake which

tumbles over rocks, and into coolness almost like real woods, and the Golf links where blue and khaki can be seen, then the pretty rose-bedecked cottage which the nursing staff call “home,” and soon the lodge and out through the gates into Dulwich. And this London suburb is quaint and pretty at every turn, beautiful winding roads, trees, gardens and grand old homes. There is a cordial welcome waiting us, and the flags and streamers look oh! so gay, but the garden is truly delightful with its velvety lawns, masses of flowers and roses in bowers and beds.

Boys, perhaps shy at home, are quite loquacious, for talking is easy when home and Canada and trenches are the topic of conversation. There are games, Clock Golf, Bowling and a flower contest, which necessitates a general stirring up for partners, and made hosts and friends and soldiers all happy and merry together. Prizes are given, and the boys are glad to receive cigarettes and other soldiers' requisites, but more delighted just to win.

Tea is served on the lawn, and such consideration is shown that although all things are pretty and excellently served, they are substantial enough for men who have lived many months in the trenches.

After tea there is music, and as the boys sit listening in the beautiful English garden in the quiet of the early evening they seem truly contented and happy. When the Motors are ready for the return journey, the boys do not hesitate to express their appreciation and give thanks to their hosts. Their one thought seems to be how kind everyone is to them.



# 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.

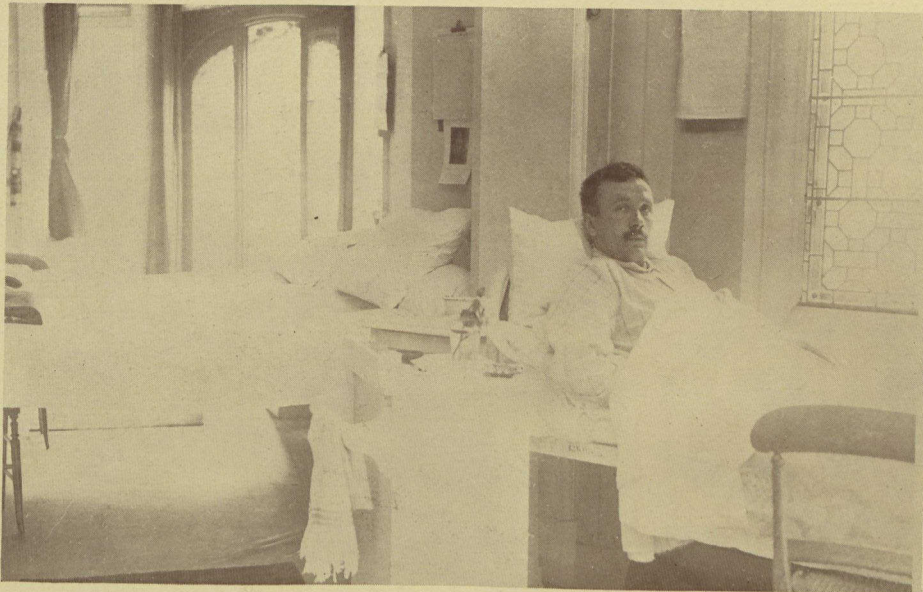
Although the weather in the early part of July was rather wet and cold and unfavorable for the men's outings, they have nevertheless been able to enjoy quite a large number of the Motor drives, Garden Parties and other entertainments.

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





Dovecote on the grounds.

up of those who had been gardeners in pre-war days, and who naturally took great interest in the splendid exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables for which this Show has a World-wide reputation.

On the 6th, our good friend, Mr. R. B. Leech, who is President of the Dulwich Horticultural Society, invited twelve men to visit the local Flower Show, in the Dulwich Hall and grounds, and have tea with him there.

On the 8th, a party of twenty-five men were invited by the Principal of the Dulwich Common Preparatory School to be present at the Annual School sports. In addition to witnessing the sports and games of the School boys, the Principal and his friends kindly organized a number of races and competitions for our men, the winners being presented with handsome prizes. This was followed with the usual liberal tea served on the lawn. On the same afternoon another party of ten men were invited to take part in a Garden Fete organized for the benefit of Dr. Barnado's Children's Homes. Various sports, games and other entertainments were provided, followed by tea, all out-of-doors on the lawn.

On the 10th, twenty of the men were invited to another of the weekly concerts and teas at the Savoy Hotel, London. As usual the concert was given by some of the best professional music-hall and theatrical artists

in London, and it was followed by a splendid tea, provided by the ladies of the committee, in the large and magnificent dining-hall of this Hotel. The men were driven to the Hotel and back by Motor cars, kindly provided by the members of the London Volunteer Rifles, and the drive through London, as well as the concert and tea, were all highly enjoyed.

On the 15th, a well-known Lady Professional Singer, who lives in the neighborhood, kindly came and sang a few songs to the men while they were at supper, and this entertainment was much appreciated.

On the 18th, another party of twenty men were again invited to one of the weekly concerts and teas at the Savoy Hotel, London. These entertainments are given by a committee of ladies, one of the members of which, Mrs. Corbett, is a near neighbor, and has been a good friend to our boys. There are usually about three hundred Convalescent Soldiers at each of these weekly entertainments, British, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, and South African. The entertainments are always of the very highest class, and are always very much appreciated by every one.

On the 20th, a party of twenty men and two of the Nurses were invited to a Garden Party with the usual games on the lawn, followed by tea out-of-doors, in the gardens of another of our near neighbors.

On the 22nd, six men were invited to a small Garden Party, with games, music and tea at a small suburban cottage nearby. The owner, although not a wealthy man and having only a small house and garden, wished none-the-less to do what he could in a small way to show his appreciation of our brave Canadian boys.



Out-Door Sports A close "End."



On the 24th, a party of six men were invited to a Garden Party and tea, at one of the local Church of England vicarages. The same afternoon two promising young professional musicians who live in the neighborhood, Mr. and Miss Darewski, played a few tunes on the piano and the violin, to the men while they were having supper.

On the 26th, a party of twenty-five men and two of the Nurses were kindly invited to a splendid tea party at the Maple Leaf Club, near the Marble Arch, London, the well-known and splendidly organized Club for Canadian Soldiers, maintained by the Daughters of the Empire. This entertainment was highly enjoyed, as well as the journey to and from the Club on the top of Motor Omnibuses.

On the 27th, ten of the men and two of the Nurses were invited to a Cinema entertainment, followed by tea, by two schoolboys who live nearby. These two boys visit the Home regularly once or twice a week, and talk with and amuse the men, buying for them with their pocket-money little gifts of fruit and cigarettes, candies, etc. They had been saving up their pocket-money for weeks to provide this special afternoon's entertainment, and were justly proud of acting the part of hosts on this occasion.

On the same afternoon a party of five men were invited to visit the Houses of Parliament. They visited both the Houses of Commons and Lords, the Crypt, St. Stephen's Hall, and were present in the Visitor's Gallery while the debate was proceeding in the House of Commons. They happened to see a rather unusual occurrence — one of the Irish members of Parliament being turned out of the House for breach of the rules. They were presented to several well-known M.P.'s, including the Rt. Hon. John Burns, each of whom took it in turn to act as guide to various parts of the buildings.

This was followed by tea on the Terrace. This is one of the recognized institutions of Parliamentary life at Westminster during the summer months, tea being served to Members and their guests on the broad stone Terrace alongside the Parliament buildings and overlooking the River Thames. One of the members



The Nurses engage in a Nail-Driving Contest at July 1st. Games.

of the party, Cpl. Savard, who has gained the Military Service Medal for saving a wounded comrade on the battlefield, was specially complimented by the Rt. Hon. John Burns for this gallant deed.

On the 29th, 30 men were invited to a garden party with games, music, etc., out-of-doors, followed by tea. The host on this occasion, another of our neighbors, is the head of a large firm of restaurant proprietors, so that the catering and other arrangements were naturally carried out in the most thorough and liberal manner. He was also kind enough to provide Motors to drive the men to his gardens and back, so that the cripples amongst our patients were able to be present at this entertainment, as they are at others, whenever it is possible to convey them by cars.

One of our own Motor cars continues to go out for two or three runs daily when the weather is fine, taking a party of four or five men on each trip. The most interesting parts of London are visited, among them such as the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, the Bank of England, the City, etc., lately, too, the German Submarine Mine-layer, lying in the Thames, has been included as one of the "sights" during the course of these drives.

During the month the gardens and grounds have continued to look splendidly, and notwithstanding the rather unfavorable weather, the show of roses, and other flowers in the borders, has been wonderfully good. When the weather is fine, in the afternoons and the long summer evenings, the men enjoy various games on the lawns, such as croquet, bowls, quoits, clock golf, etc., for which competitions are arranged



from time to time, for prizes presented by some of our good friends and neighbors.

Special mention should be made of the "Strawberry Lady," a Mrs. George Reckitt, one of our very kind neighbors, who sent in every day for three weeks in July enough strawberries for all the men at supper, which was very greatly appreciated by all the inmates.

#### CHANGES IN STAFF.

In August, Miss Curtis, who had been Matron of the Home from the commencement, resigned the position. Beginning with the furnishing and organizing of the Home and continuing for the first five months of its operation, Miss Curtis gave the work the benefit of her sound judgment and ripe experience, and was unremitting in her efforts to make the Home the ideal place for rest and recuperation that we intended it to be.

The Committee was very fortunate in securing the services of Miss E. H. Hardinge for the position. Miss Hardinge, who is a Canadian, born in the Province of Quebec, graduated from Montreal General Hospital, and has since held positions of great responsibility demanding very high executive ability. Along with her sympathetic nature and her great desire to be useful to the Empire in this time of stress, Miss Hardinge comes to the matronship of the Home with the highest of recommendations from those she has served in the past, and the Committee look forward with great confidence to the operations of the Home under her guidance and administration.

Our staff is now composed of the following (all Canadians):

Matron	-	-	-	Miss E. H. Hardinge
Senior Nursing Sister	-	-	-	Miss Carolyn Powell
Nursing Sister	-	-	-	Miss Muriel Wilson
				Miss C. McMechan
				Miss Florence Oram
Lady Helpers	-	-	-	Mrs. Calderon
				Miss M. Shuttleworth

#### BRING BACK OLD KINGSWOOD TO ME

COMPOSED AND SUNG BY THE CONVALESCENTS  
AT KINGSWOOD

Old "Kingswood" I'll soon be a'leaving,  
To fight once again o'er the sea,  
And as I am boarding that Troopship,  
I'll be chanting an old melody.

CHORUS:

Bring back, bring back, oh, bring back  
Old "Kingswood" to me, to me,  
Bring back, bring back, oh, bring back  
Old "Kingswood" to me."

No more of the good feeds and plum duff  
Which I have been so used to see,  
I'll have to put up with the rough stuff  
Just "Bully" and "Biscuits" for me.

—CHORUS.

No more of that "Oh, I have a headache,"  
No more of that "swinging the Lead,"  
I'll be route-marching just at 5.30  
When I might have been lying in bed.

—CHORUS.

And after I do reach the trenches  
"Bed-mates" will greet me with glee,  
I'll get one or two darned good drenches,  
But, like Ivy, they'll still cling to me.

—CHORUS.

The old home will often remind me,  
When I am chewing some "MacConnachie"  
Of the good times and friends left behind me  
In "Kingswood" the "Home of the Free."

—CHORUS.

Bring back, bring back, oh, bring back  
Old "Kingswood" to me, to me,  
We will make old Fritz dance all the time we're  
in France,  
But we'll come back to "Kingswood" for tea.

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Up to Sept. 7th, 593 patients have been admitted into Kingswood, including men from every Province in the Dominion.



# ROLL OF HONOR

Since the publication of Bulletin No. 5, the following additions have been advised:

## SHAREHOLDERS' FAMILIES

NAME

McDonald, Hubert, Lieut.

## BRANTFORD OFFICE AND FACTORY

NAME

Clark, Karl M.  
Mattice, Oliver

NAME

Nash, Geo.

NAME

Saples, Fred H.

## EDMONTON BRANCH

NAME

Carson, Lambert, Capt.

NAME

Tinkler, J. H.

## RUSSIAN BRANCH

NAME

Bettac, A.  
Herbstreit, E., Sergt.  
Kondranin, Ivan

NAME

Moskoff, I. S.  
Sladkoff, E. E.  
Steckenoff, E. V., Corp.

NAME

Wells, Harry, Lieut.  
Jerkoff, M.

## PARIS (FRANCE) BRANCH

NAME

Garel, Andre

NAME

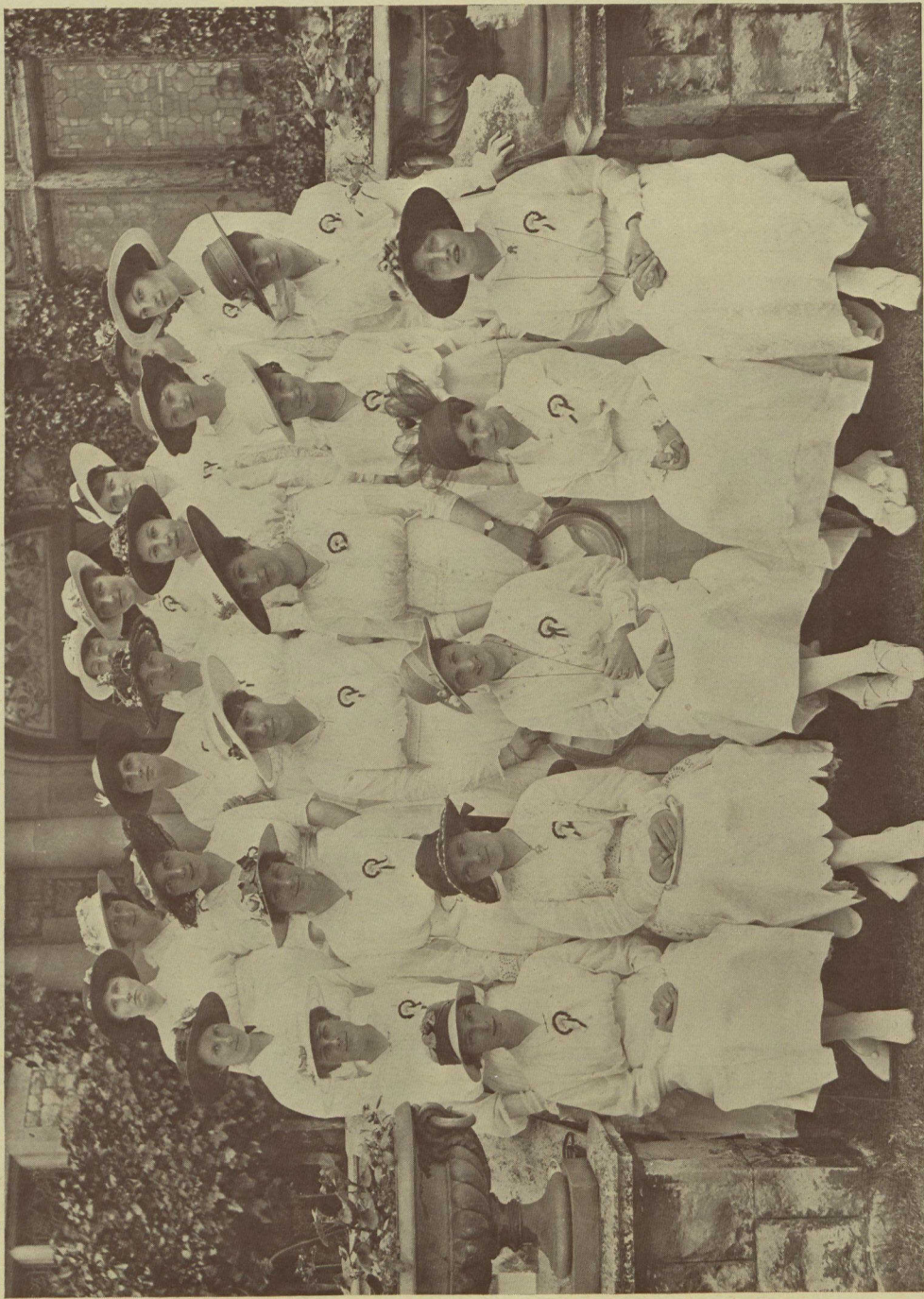
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Boulton, A. P.



An Artistic Job.





Young Ladies from the neighborhood who assisted in the serving of refreshments at the formal Opening of the Home. Only one of the number is a Canadian.