

A Garden Fair.

On Wednesday, June 28th, Princess Louise, Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein, who has always shown a lively sympathy with hospitals and the nursing cause, opened a Garden Fair at 1, Devonshire Terrace, Portland Place, in aid of the funds of the Infants' Hospital at Hampstead, an institution which was inaugurated only two years ago in connection with the Infants' Health Society. The hospital, which in time will no doubt obtain the recognition it deserves, is reserved specially for the treatment of children, under twelve months, suffering from diseases caused by malnutrition, and conveniently embraced by the term "wasting." Most of these poor little starvelings come from the districts just below the fair heights of Hampstead, Gospel Oak, Camden Town, and Kentish Town—a busy, densely-populated, unlovely neighbourhood, whose infant death-roll has become a matter of grave concern. And not only is it the high rate of mortality which claims attention, for indeed, those that survive present the most critical aspect of this social problem.

In the words of one who speaks from personal observation and experience, a great number of infants belonging to the poorest class, who do not die, are seriously and permanently injured, and it has been recently recorded that, out of 2,335 board-school children examined in Leeds, more than half were rickety.

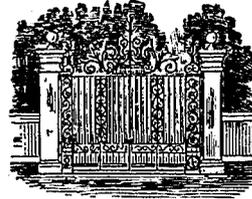
The scene of Wednesday's gathering was the house of Mrs. Jonathan Clark, one of the members of the General Committee, who, with the Viscountess Encombe, the Hon. Mrs. Morrison, and Mrs. Fletcher, took a prominent part in the successful organisation of the Fair. No. 1, Devonshire Terrace has a place of its own in the literary associations with which London abounds. For ten years, from 1840 to 1850, Charles Dickens made it his residence, and it was there that he wrote "The Old Curiosity Shop" (which first appeared in weekly parts), "Barnaby Rudge," "Martin Chuzzlewit," "Dombey and Son," and some of the "Christmas Books." Nothing, therefore, could have been more appropriate among the numerous booths erected in the garden than the replica of the famous Old Curiosity Shop of Soho, in which were to be seen articles of the Mid-Victorian period. A pleasantly varied programme included a Drawing-room concert arranged by Lady Arthur Hill, a Japanese play and dances, charmingly performed by children, and at night a Café Chantant, opened by Mrs. Claude Macdonald.

Among those who kindly took charge of the booths were the Countess of Ranfurly, the Hon. Lily Hill-Trevor, Mrs. Stanley Beale, Miss Purcell, and the Misses Croysdale.

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Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The London correspondent of the *Birmingham Post* says that arrangements have been completed for the printing, for very private circulation only, of the journal which Queen Alexandra kept during her recent somewhat prolonged Mediterranean cruise. The greater interest attaches to this because Her Majesty's journal will be supplemented, it is understood, by additions from the King, Princess Victoria, Princess Charles of Denmark, and other prominent personages who either participated in or were met in the course of the journey. Only a limited number of copies will be printed, and these purely for purposes of presentation to the intimates of the Royal Family.

A Conference of the Association of Lady Visitors of Prisons, of which Sir E. Ruggles-Brise is President, and Adeline Duchess of Bedford Vice-President, was held last week by permission of the Home Secretary, at the Deputation Room of the Home Office. The Home Secretary welcomed the ladies by delivering a short address, in which he said that, as the official guardian of the lives and liberties of prisoners, he desired to show his appreciation of the unwearying efforts made by lady visitors throughout the country to assist and possibly to save from a life of crime the unfortunate women who in such appalling numbers filled the prisons of England and Wales. Many, he was afraid, were too hardened to be affected by the gentle and saving influence brought to bear; but some, and especially first offenders, offered the opportunity which the lady visitors were quick to seize of reinstatement in honest life.

After expressing our sentiments quite plainly in our last issue on the necessity for co-operation between men and women if the Proposed National League for Physical Education and Improvement was to be a success, we had a pleasant surprise upon receiving a letter signed by Sir Lauder Brunton, in which it is stated that "It is felt that it is of the greatest importance to secure the co-operation of those women who have already given practical evidence of their sympathy with the cause of National Physical Improvement, and whose names will therefore carry weight among the larger public whom it is desirable to interest in this movement, . . . we are most anxious before the Mansion House meeting to have as representative a list of women as we already have of men." Anyway, a fair start will be made.

The studentship of £80 a year, for post-graduate work, given in memory of Alice Hopkinson (late student of Newnham College) by her mother, Mrs. John Hopkinson, has been awarded to Miss May, of Newnham College, who obtained a first class in the Medieval and Modern Languages Tripos, 1904.

Harvard House, Stratford-on-Avon, famous as the birthplace of John Harvard's mother, has been sold by auction. It was built in 1596 by Thomas and Alice Rogers, whose daughter Catherine was the mother of the founder of Harvard University.

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