

it as a home for the nurses. This will constitute the local King Edward Memorial.

We congratulate Miss Macfarlane, the matron, as well as the nursing staff, as a new Nurses' Home greatly facilitates a matron's work—and adds so greatly to the comfort and well-being of every one. Matrons sometimes very unjustly are blamed for discomforts in housing and dieting which cannot be prevented under inadequate housing arrangements.

An influentially supported appeal is being made for £10,000 to complete and equip a Nurses' Home in connection with the Cripples' Hospital and College, at Alton, and Queen Alexandra has headed the list of contributions with £100.

During his interesting tour in the industrial centres of Lancashire the King, by pressing electric switches, opened the New Hospital at Eccles, erected in memory of King Edward VII, and also unveiled a tablet in his memory at the Bolton Nurses Home.

#### A DISGRACE TO CIVILISATION.

The grand jury at Staffordshire Assizes recently made a presentment to Mr. Justice Horridge with reference to the serious number of offences against women and children, suggesting that flogging should be administered in addition to the ordinary punishment. His Lordship, who said he forwarded a similar presentment last year to the Home Secretary, reminded the grand jury that judges had no power to inflict flogging. They were entirely in the hands of the Legislature in the matter. He agreed that cases of this sort were a disgrace to our civilisation. It shocked their common humanity to see so many offences against young children at the Assizes. He promised to forward the presentment to the proper quarter.

#### SOCIAL SERVICE.

##### MOTHERS' GARDEN PARTY AT ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST.

On Friday afternoon about two hundred mothers and expectant mothers accepted the invitation of the chairman and committee of the St. George-in-the-East and Wapping Infant Care Committee to a Garden Party in the Recreation Grounds. The weather was kind and enabled any baby who felt so disposed to enjoy a sleep in the open-air crèche in the grounds.

The children from the neighbouring schools had, during the morning, brought their pot plants for the annual prize-giving and flower show, and the grounds were a blaze of welcome colour.

There were nine Infant Consultations repre-

sented and until after tea the mothers sat more or less in their own party, and were welcomed and waited on by ladies who help on weighing days at the centres. The mothers had a substantial tea, the Parochial Ladies Band performing at the same time. A lady with a clear voice sang several times and was much appreciated.

Perhaps the event of the afternoon was a photograph of all the babies belonging to the Consultations whose mothers have promised on their behalf that they never will use a "Comforter" (dummy teat) or wear tight cotton binders.

One group was of babies under six months of age, and one of babies between six and twelve months. Many of the latter have had "Comforters" in their early days, and it is much to the credit of the harrassed mothers that they have given them up for the sake of the baby's future and because of the photograph. In the groups the Hon. Secretary held the youngest guest present, a baby of four weeks, and the Superintendent, Mary M—, aged nine months, a twin.

After the photographs and some more music the mothers joined in singing "God Save the King," and they went home in time for the husbands' tea. As they passed through the gate a little girl, Miss Mabel Corbett, gave each baby a dainty handkerchief tied with ribbon, blue for boy babies and pink for girls. The boys were in the proportion of 80 to 60.

The work in St. George and Wapping is principally among the younger mothers; no charity is given and no treatment to sick babies. Three doctors, one of whom is a lady, are in charge of the centres. The mothers are taught how to prevent delicate health in themselves, and how to keep the babies healthy, and each baby is supposed to be in touch with an Infant Consultation until it goes to school. The work began in January of this year, and all concerned are delighted to find that in this neighbourhood the majority of the mothers are keen, appreciative, and intelligent.

We regret that the photographs of the mothers and babies which we have received are unsuitable for reproduction.

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