

## Nursing Echoes.

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IT has been announced that the PRINCE and PRINCESS OF WALES have consented to lay the foundation-stone of the new buildings in Praed Street, in connection with St. Mary's Hospital, in October next, and that their Royal Highnesses have consented to call the new portion of the Hospital "The Clarence Memorial Wing," in memory of the late DUKE OF CLARENCE. The Governors have already spent £45,000 in buying the land and houses. About one



hundred beds have been added to the Hospital, and there will also be provided a Nurses' Home, Special Wards, and Lying-in Wards, a New Out-patient Department, and also a Residential College in the Hospital grounds.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES has consented to be President of the Hospital.

MISS EDITH KIRWAN WARD, M.R.B.N.A., who helped to nurse the late DUKE OF CLARENCE and PRINCE GEORGE, has gone abroad with the PRINCE and PRINCESS OF WALES to attend PRINCESS MAUD, who has been in delicate health for some time past. It is hoped that this beautiful young Princess will be much benefitted by her stay on the Riviera. She will probably go to some bracing place in Switzerland or the Tyrol early in the summer, and in August she is to take the baths at Vichy.

THE *British Medical Journal* says: "The new extension of St. Mary's Hospital, London, which is about to be commenced, will contain, we hear, Wards for the reception of lying-in women. This is of interest with reference to the recent report, published in our columns, on M. BUDIN'S Obstetric Wards and teaching establishment at La Charité. In the report of the Dean, Mr. FIELD, in recommending the new proposals to the Governors, we find the following passage: 'Strange to say, up to the present time, maternity cases, as such, have been rigorously excluded from the London General Hospitals. The metropolitan student has hitherto been compelled to accomplish his statutory number of attendances on Midwifery cases how and where chance has

permitted—almost invariably in the worst of surroundings, and usually at the loss of much time and at great inconvenience to himself, if not to his patients. He is often uncomfortably conscious that there are sundry points on which he would be thankful to receive direction, guidance, and enlightenment. As was lately pointed out by the *British Medical Journal*, "If there were Lying-in Wards at Hospitals which possessed medical schools, the Obstetric Physician might really teach practical obstetrics, no longer bearing a misleading title. Every student could then learn direct from an eminent authority how to conduct an ordinary labour." There can be no doubt that the addition of such Wards to the present buildings of St. Mary's Hospital would be of the greatest advantage to our students, and naturally also a source of comfort and benefit to their charges.'"

NURSING Sister GRACE MACKAY has been appointed Superintendent Sister of the Royal Naval Hospital, Stonehouse. Miss MACKAY was trained at St. Bartholomew's, was certificated in 1882, and was appointed one of the first Naval Nursing Sisters at Haslar ten years ago; she has, therefore, well earned promotion.

THE meeting of the subscribers to the Denbigh branch of the Victoria Jubilee Nursing Institute was held at Denbigh, under the presidency of the MAYOR, on the 8th instant. This branch has been formed for nearly a year, and Miss MORRIS, who was engaged last May, has since been fully occupied in doing good work among the sick poor. Mrs. R. H. ROBERTS, the Lady Superintendent, was re-elected, and received a well-merited tribute from Dr. TURNOUR, for having discharged her duties to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, and with much tact and judgment. Miss DORA TOWNSHEND was likewise re-elected as Secretary, and Mr. R. E. HUGHES as Treasurer. A motion proposed by Mrs. F. WYNNE, and seconded by Miss GEE, to the effect that the Lady Superintendent be empowered to direct the Nurse to attend special urgent cases without the recommendation of a medical man, was, after some discussion, carried. The committee was subsequently re-elected.

I SHOULD like to have some further information on this resolution, as it is quite liable to be misinterpreted, and the best trained Nurses—who are the most careful to be strictly professional, and therefore only to work under the direction of

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