

the English and American flags mingling together over the doorway. We hope that soon the whole amount necessary to complete the Clarence Memorial Wing of St. Mary's Hospital may be raised.

A lady who was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the New Wing of the British Home for Incurables on Tuesday week was so pleased with her inspection of the home that she announced to the Secretary her intention, by the gift of £1,000, to endow a bed in memory of her late husband.

During the proceedings the Secretary received the following telegram from Sir Stanley Clarke:—"The Princess of Wales wishes every success to the Home and completion of the New Wing, and desires me to send to Lord Amherst and all present her hearty congratulations."

At the forty-seventh annual general court of the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, held last week, it was stated that during the past year 2,067 in-patients, and 89,220 out-patients had received attention. £20,000 is still required towards the price of the property recently acquired by the Hospital, and it is to be hoped that the cares of the committee may be lightened by the receipt of generous donations.

The Jubilee Wing of the Nottingham General Hospital, will be an imposing structure when completed. The wards are circular in formation, and are connected with the North East end of the present long corridor. Each of the wards will contain room for 18 beds, allowing 1,800 cubic feet of air to every patient. Each patient, when able to get up, will have his own window at which to look out, as there are windows between all the beds. Besides the larger wards, two small wards, each containing two beds, will be set apart for the reception of specially serious cases. A promenade is to be constructed on the roof of the New Wing which will be paved, and, in the centre, round the chimney stack, will be a shelter with seats underneath, from which a magnificent view will be obtainable.

As a result of the announcement that, owing to want of funds, the Southampton Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital have determined to abandon the treatment of Ear and Throat Diseases, and to confine themselves to the treatment of the eye, the Governors of the Royal South Hants Infirmary, at a special meeting, unanimously resolved that a special department be formed for the treatment of diseases of the ear and throat, and that a surgeon be appointed to take charge of the same. It is to be hoped that this excellent institution will receive the financial support it deserves, and that the public will subscribe liberally to defray the additional expense necessarily incurred.

Some interesting information is given in the report of the Northern Workhouse Association just issued, and of which Dr. J. M. Rhodes, of the Chorlton Union Board of Guardians, is chairman. The Association has now been in existence eight years, and the cost of training each nurse is about £25. The annual expenditure of the Association is about £400, while the subscriptions are only £240.

The applications received for nurses from Boards of Guardians are many more than the Association is able to supply, and there are now forty-five workhouse hospitals, chiefly north of the Trent, employing seventy-seven nurses supplied by the Association. Each year the Association nurses are more appreciated by Boards of Guardians, as the benefit and economy of trained nurses becomes evident.

We are glad to observe that at the annual meeting of the Plaistow Maternity Charity and District Nurses' Home, a resolution was passed "That it is essential in the interests of both the patients and the nurses to augment the permanent nursing staff, and that this can most effectively be done by securing a larger number of annual subscribers." We understand from this resolution that it is considered desirable that more supervision should be exercised over pupils while training.

Mr. Joseph Shaw, of Wakefield, has left an immense fortune to charity. The Clayton Hospital gets £2,000, and the residue of his estate, which is expected to amount to £50,000.

The members of the Manchester Midwives' Society, of which Mrs. Currie is President, have, through Mr. E. F. G. Hatch, M.P., for Gorton, presented a petition to the House of Commons concerning the Midwives' Bill. It is well known that the members of the Manchester Midwives' Society do not consider the usual three months' training for midwives at all an adequate period. We hope this opinion was emphasised in the petition, as we think that legal registration after so short a period of training for any class of workers most undesirable.

Mrs. Currie has just qualified by examination at the Apothecaries' Hall of Ireland as an Assistant Apothecary, and was complimented by the Governor, Dr. Raverty, she being the first Lady-Candidate to gain this certificate.

"Erroneous and misleading" is the description given by the *British Medical Journal* of the paragraphs which have recently appeared respecting the Queen's eyesight. The journal states on the best authority that for a considerable time Her Majesty's eyesight has been to some extent impaired owing to changes incidental to advanced years, "but we are glad to be in a position to say that the deterioration has ceased to be progressive, and that the Queen's eyesight has in no respect become worse during the last few years." We sincerely hope this is true.

The Duke of Marlborough has given, in memory of his grandmother, Frances Anne, Duchess of Marlborough, a donation of £500 towards the cost of providing the new operating theatre of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, with appliances and equipment of the latest scientific completeness. The operating theatre itself has been erected by funds supplied by Mr. J. H. Mason, of Eynsham Hall, and by a subscription raised some years ago in memory of the Duke's grandfather.

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