

President of the Hospital, it appears as if the new Clarence Memorial wing would soon become an actual *fait accompli* in deed as well as in name.

We must congratulate the Committee upon one fact in particular, of the decision which they have arrived at in connection with this new wing, which is to devote part of the funds at their disposal to the technical instruction of classes in the ever-necessary knowledge of Midwifery. Indeed, after due consideration of this question, the Committee have resolved to devote special Wards to the use of lying-in patients, for the double purpose of relieving the poor in its neighbourhood in this absolute hour of need, and also at the same time providing technical classes for the study of Midwifery by both Nurses and students. A new out-patient department will also be provided, the present out-patient department being considerably too small to enable its staff to cope with the growing needs of Paddington. Additional Special Wards will also be provided, as those at present open are very inadequate to the purpose. A Residential College for Medical Officers and Students will also be provided, thus giving the students the actual contact with their practical work, so much needed by them, and what will perhaps be more than all appreciated by our readers, a Nurse's Home will be provided, as at present all the Nursing Staff cannot be accommodated in the Hospital, owing to its limited space.

With all these really necessary improvements in contemplation by the authorities of the Hospital, and the

practical sympathy shown by the Royal Family in the matter, the funds needed to complete this good work should readily be found, and then, given good management and able officers and Nurses, this worthy Hospital should, as it no doubt will, prove a real blessing to the poor of Paddington and its neighbourhood, which only those who have experienced sickness and suffering abroad in some foreign parts, where the English Hospital system is not known, can fully appreciate. We sincerely hope ere long to be able to inform our readers that the necessary funds have been duly received.

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