

## Nursing Echoes.

### THE NEW PRINCESS

THE HAPPY NEWS came from Clarence House that a daughter had been born to Princess Elizabeth at 11.50 a.m. on August 15th, 1950.

The baby was born in the Princess's second-floor bedroom, which overlooks the Mall, and she weighed exactly six pounds. The Duke himself announced the news to the staff at Clarence House and together they drank to the health of the New Princess.

Messages of congratulation came from all parts of Britain and the Commonwealth and many countries overseas.

The new Princess who, following Princess Elizabeth and Prince Charles, comes third in succession to the Throne. Though born in troubled times, may it be a good omen that the fates have chosen the anniversary of VJ-Day for her to step into the arena of the world's stage—where we wish her all that is best in her Royal Part.

### PRINCESS MARGARET'S BIRTHDAY

PRINCESS MARGARET celebrated her twentieth birthday on August 21st at Balmoral Castle—her Scottish home.

The day was spent free from what must often be the irksome obligations of Kings, Queens and Princesses, and we would wish that our gifted, witty Princess may enjoy to the full the golden years of youth.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 138 nurses to be Queen's Nurses: 98 in England, 35 in Scotland, and 5 in Northern Ireland.

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING SIGHTS in the Channel Islands is the wonderful Underground Hospital, built by the Germans during the occupation, in St. Peter's Valley, Jersey.

It was constructed by the German Todt Organisation with Russian civilian slave labour, principally collected in the Ukraine and brought from their homes on foot practically across Europe.

The photograph shows the main entrance to the Hospital which covers over four acres all underground. It was complete with Operating Theatre, a fully-equipped Dispensary, Medical Store rooms and quarters for the Doctors and Nurses, and accommodation for 600 patients.

The Hospital had an emergency electric light plant driven by a Diesel engine and this plant could supply power for the Air-conditioning Plant which, in case of failure, could be hand operated.

The whole Hospital was supplied with central heating, air-conditioning, hot and cold water, electric light and power, and a remarkable drainage system.

There were two escape shafts from the deepest part of the Hospital some 130 feet below ground, one of which led up two very steep flights of narrow stairs made of concrete to a landing about 12 feet below the ground level which was reached by a ladder.

Hewn out of solid rock this remarkable Hospital took two and a half years to construct and some idea of the immense task can be judged from the fact that 13,000 tons of rock had to be excavated.



The entrance to the Underground Hospital, Jersey.

## Something to Brighten up the Walls of Your Clinic.

THE MAKERS OF TRUFOOD have received many requests from Maternity and Child Welfare Officers and Health Visitors throughout the country for "something to brighten up the walls of our Clinic."

In this connection, the firm has tried to combine pictorial quality with a certain amount of instruction for the mother on points of child psychology.

In dealing with psychological subjects in this way, Trufood, Ltd., realise that they are breaking new ground for baby food manufacturers, but feel that this side of child welfare is sufficiently important to place emphasis on it in this way.

The two beautifully-coloured posters so far issued are: "Put breakable things out of reach" and "Cuddle your baby when you want to."

The second two posters will be distributed during the next two to three months, and the subjects will be: "Let her do things for herself" and "Let him be left-handed if he's made that way."

The last two will probably be ready towards the end of the year and will be "Let him out (of his playpen) when he has had enough," and "Always guard an open fire."

The posters are at present being distributed to Infant Welfare Centres, Nursing Homes, etc., but readers can obtain copies if they wish by applying to the Professional Information Service of Trufood, Ltd., Green Bank, London, E.1.

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