

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

MANY of our readers will be pleased to hear that Mr. RICHARD CASTLEWOOD TRESIDDER, for some years connected with the National Life Boat Institution, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Surgical Aid Society. Mr. TRESIDDER has made his reputation as an energetic worker, and the Surgical Aid Society is to be congratulated upon obtaining his services.

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THE Directors of Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company, Limited, announce the declaration of an interim dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the six months ending 30th June, payable forthwith—a pleasant fact for the shareholders, and one which is quite explicable by the excellence of the preparations of the Company and their world-wide fame.

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THE London Fever Hospital, Liverpool Road, N., which is one of the most valuable Institutions in the Metropolis has issued the following business-like statement: "Scarlet fever is again very prevalent in and around London. The number of patients now under treatment in this Hospital is far in excess of the usual number for the season of the year, and a severe strain upon the funds of the Institution is the result. Additional help is earnestly asked, to enable the Committee to meet the exceptionally heavy demands made upon them. 78,000 persons have been treated here since the beginning of the century, 813 of them during 1892, and probably ten times as many have been preserved from infection by the timely isolation of these sufferers. Persons becoming Governors of the Institution not only help a large number of people who cannot afford the cost of a long and infectious illness, but they also secure for themselves, as long as there is vacant accommodation in the Hospital, prompt assistance when their own households are attacked, with treatment free of charge for their domestic servants. Business houses, clubs and hotels, for a small annual subscription may send certain of their employes for free treatment in the Hospital."

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THE Midlands, in many ways, can teach the rest of the country lessons of value. In Hospital Saturday matters there can be no doubt that the young ladies of Walsall are very much to the front. On this annual festival, this year, which took place on

July 15, hundreds of them left their homes soon after daybreak, and, says the *Wolverhampton Express and Star*, stationing themselves at every street corner, and in and all around all centres of traffic, besought passers by—people of all sexes, ages, circumstances, ranks and occupations—to "bestow a copper" on the Cottage Hospital. They had so well trained themselves as to be able in most instances to "take no refusals," but to follow all recalcitrant pedestrians, and by dint of good pursuit and resolute importunity succeeded often when milder beseechings had availed nothing. In some cases it was an interesting matutinal study to trace the progress of a gentle request through its initial stages until it passed into resolute importunity, and then to follow the development of resolute importunity until it reached right into the region of unmistakable but quite pardonable extortion. Hospital Saturday is certainly no joke at Walsall. It is rather a very ubiquitous fact. The ladies with their little boxes are obtrusively but not improperly bent on business. All the arts and mysteries of benevolent canvassing on scientific principles are plied. The most irresistible of feminine seductiveness is put to good uses, whilst the more covetous of the sterner sex fly, or furtively creep, in all possible directions, to escape the necessity of tendering curt or courteous requests to be excused. It is hardly to be expected that to-day so large a sum as was realised last year will be obtained. The Cottage Hospital, around which Institution all the fascinating and inspiring traditions of Sister Dora hang, is an Institution daily doing a vast amount of good, and its exchequer will welcome whatever be the financial outcome of to-day's solicitations.

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A NUMBER of ladies and gentlemen last week assembled at the Halifax Workhouse, or St. Luke's Hospital, upon the invitation of Dr. T. M. DOLAN, J.P., and the Infirmary Committee, with the object of inspecting the improvements effected in this valuable department of our Union work during the past year. It is unnecessary, says the *Halifax Courier*, for us now to dilate upon the character of the work, seeing that in the *Courier* of May 20th a full description was given of it. Thursday's visitors, it is almost superfluous to add, were deeply interested and frequently were heard warm expressions of admiration of the manner in which the inmates, both old and young, are cared for. In the absence of Dr. DOLAN, who had been summoned early in the morning to a patient at a distance, the guests, principally the medical gentlemen of the town, with ladies, were received in the dining-hall by Mrs. and

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