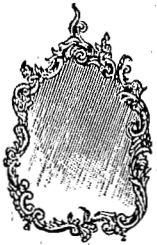


**Reflections**

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The annual gathering of the Hospital Sunday Fund will be held at the Guildhall on the 16th prox. The Bishop of Islington, Sir Frank Green, Sir Francis Cook, M.P., and Mr. J. T. Scriven have been nominated to fill vacancies on the Council. It was further resolved that the attention of the constituents should be called to the fact that in the opinion of the Council street collections on behalf

of the fund are not desirable.

On Friday the Duchess of Marlborough opened a sale of work at the National Orthopædic Hospital, Great Portland Street, in aid of the "extra comfort" fund. From the proceeds of a similar function a free bed and a free cot have been maintained at the hospital during the past year, patients have been assisted with hospital fees and surgical aid letters, and various improvements made in the building. This year it is hoped that enough may be obtained for a scheme to give the child inmates elementary instruction. No part of the proceeds go to the general fund of the hospital, which is unfortunately some £450 in debt. The sale remained open on Saturday, and nearly £200 was received. On behalf of the hospital Mr. Maurice Hewlett, author of "The Forest Lovers" and other works, has consented to lecture on "History as Saga and Small Things in History" at the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society's Rooms, 20, Hanover Square, W., at half-past three p.m., on Saturday, December 7th. Lord Farquhar, Treasurer of the Hospital, will preside.

Two successful concerts have been recently arranged by Mrs. Frank Wright and Miss Scott in aid of the "Fair View" Convalescent Home at Slough, which provides accommodation for sixteen children from the Paddington Green Children's Hospital. The cost of acquiring and furnishing the home has been £1,700, towards which donations amounting to £560 have been received.

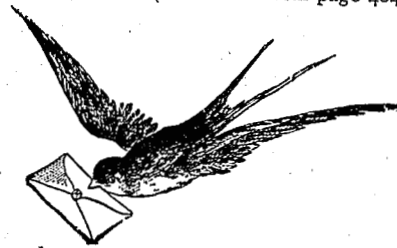
The medical hospital, which has generously been presented to the town and district of Chesterfield by Alderman E. Eastwood, J.P., of Tapton, was recently taken over on behalf of the public by the Governors of the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital, and will, when opened, be managed as a medical ward of the main hospital, which is devoted exclusively to surgical cases. This will enable the hospital to become a practical training school for nurses, and add greatly to its completeness and usefulness.

There was a large gathering at Dover at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the local memorial to Queen Victoria, which is to consist of an extension of the hospital. The work to be carried out includes a new out-patients' department, isolation block, and an operating theatre, at a cost of £7,400. The operating theatre is being built as the town's memorial to Sir Richard Dickeson, for many years president of the hospital.

**Our Foreign Letter.**

**ACROSS NORWAY ON A BICYCLE.**  
(By our Holiday Correspondent.)

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We arrived at Vossvangen at eleven o'clock. This town is the terminus of the railway from Bergen, so that a bi-

cycle trip across Norway may be said to end here, but we preferred to branch off and to pick the steamer up at Stavanger, as the roads were mapped out as being excellent. Before doing so, however, we stayed an hour for a cup of coffee at Fleischer's old established and first class hotel. It is one of the finest and largest hotels in Norway, beautifully situated by the side of the Vangs lake, and is especially noted for its excellent cuisine. Many people stay each summer at Vossvangen for weeks at a time owing to its proximity to Bergen, its particularly pure and bracing air, and its glorious situation. At exactly noon we started off again for Eide on the Hardanger Fjord, on the way to our ultimate destination. The distance is nineteen-and-a-half miles along a splendid road and beside numerous striking waterfalls. The more particularly noticeable are the Skjaervefos and the Skarvefos; the former is a simply magnificent waterfall, leaping into Nature's chasm, to descend into which one has to dismount and walk down the steep zigzag road. The sight is simply beyond expression. With the exception of the zigzag descent, the run from Vossvangen to Eide is for the most part a gradual decline, the last five miles being a grand run down-hill between the mountains. We reached Eide at six o'clock in the evening, having picniced as usual on the way.

There was a tempting supper awaiting us at Maeland's Hotel. This disposed of, we retired early. As the steamer was timed to leave late in the evening for Odde, we spent the day fishing in the Gravensfjord, the result being a good catch of whiting. Maeland's Hotel is the most cheery and cosy of all the hotels we stayed at. It is situated in a glen of splendour, and the people are kindness itself. We left for Odde at 9 p.m. by s.s. "Vorin," arriving at one o'clock in the morning, having previously engaged accommodation at the Hardanger Hotel, which is a handsome and imposing structure, and one of the favourite hotels in Norway. We were up and about again after a few hours' rest. The day was heavenly, and the scenery all around

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