

us that it was not by any means the first time they had been photographed. From Djupvastrytten begins the famous Geiranger road, a remarkable piece of engineering skill, leading across the mountains to Merok. It descends rapidly towards the fiord, and curves and winds like a long snake down the mountain-side. The length of the road from the brink of the cliff along the serpentine road is about nine and three-quarter miles, but the actual distance in a straight line would be about three and three-quarter miles. In several places the side of the solid rocky mountain has been blasted away, and in other places the road has been built up with stones, from many feet below, across clefts in the mountain. There are many remarkable curves, and at one place, there are five stretches of the road, one exactly below the other, forming a unique sight as one looks down on them. The peaceful valleys below, with their beautiful vegetation and farm-houses, form a striking and charming contrast to the surrounding high mountains, gleaming glaciers and roaring torrents.

Merok is a delightful spot in the Stor Fiord, one of the grandest in Norway. We remained for the night and early next morning took steamer for Soholt, and from there drove in stolkjarres to Vestnaes. Unfortunately the rain, which had not troubled us so far came down heavily. A thick mist also surrounded us, so, of course, our view was obscured. That evening we continued our journey by steamer to Molde, where motor cars were waiting to drive us to the Grand Hotel, two miles away. We arrived

at the hotel at 11 p.m., feeling tired and very hungry, as we had not eaten anything substantial since mid-day. Next day we visited the church on the hill, where there is a famous altar piece, by Axel Ender. It represents the "Women at the Sepulchre." The inhabitants show this with great pride.

In the afternoon, we left by steamer for Bergen, where we arrived next morning at 8 a.m. Bergen is the commercial capital in Norway. It has a quaint old-fashioned appearance, but is very picturesque, with its background of hills, where the beautiful residences of the more wealthy inhabitants are situated. A market near the wharf in the centre of the town, has a unique arrangement in connection with its fish stalls, the fish being kept alive in tanks until sold. In the vicinity of the wharf the air is redolent with the strong odour of dried fish, which is imported from Iceland, and is packed in the wharf, ready for transportation to other countries. We drove to Fjosanger to visit the old "Stavekirke" of Fantoft. It is a peculiar pagoda-like wooden structure, dating from the middle ages.

We left Bergen on Saturday afternoon by steamer, and after another calm passage across the North Sea, where we saw the fish nets on the noted Dogger Bank, we arrived at Hull early on Monday morning in time to catch the special boat train for London.

We considered this seventeen days' tour through Norway the most delightful and varied of our many trips.

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Hospital Staff Salaries—Increases Agreed To

On the recommendation of the Hospital Committee, the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board has agreed to the following increases of staff salaries:

(1) That the medical superintendent be granted his annual increase of salary of £100 per annum from 1st February, 1913.

(2) Nursing Staff.—First Division: Matron—From £200 to £250, by two annual instalments of £25; assistant-matron—from £100 to £130, by one annual instalment of £20 and one of £10; sub-matrons—at Victoria Hospital, Infectious Diseases Hospital Nurses' Home, and Children's Hospital, £100 to £120, by two annual instalments of £10

each. Second division: Theatre sister—£90 to £100, by one annual instalment of £10; out-patients' sister—£90 to £100, by one annual instalment of £10; maternity sister—£90 to £100, by one annual instalment of £10; night charge sister—£90 to £100, by one annual instalment of £10; sisters—£70 to £90, by two annual instalments of £10 (sisters having five years' service as sister, £95). Third division Charge nurses—First year £60, thereafter £65; certificated nurses—£50; probationer—first year £15, second year £20, third year £30.