

a terrible calamity. The report goes on to speak of the kindness we have received, and of the great indebtedness we feel towards those who serve the Hospital, to the Medical Staff and Nurses, and towards those ladies who have been good enough to attend the out-patients' department. This will be dwelt upon by other speakers; but one matter should be brought to your notice: Our Chaplain, a very busy man, has found it impossible to give us as much time as he would like, but the assistant clergy of St. Peter's, although we are out of their parish, kindly give a service in the Hospital on Sunday afternoons; and therefore I feel that all will join with the members of the Committee in giving them a hearty vote of thanks.

Viscount CROSS: My lord, ladies, and gentlemen,—I feel some difficulty in addressing you, because I have been accustomed all my life, whether at the Bar, or in Parliament, or at election times, to come before a number of people who differ from me. I have no need to persuade you, and therefore I have but little to say; but the first word must be one of condolence with the loss you have sustained in the death of your late President, Mr. W. H. Smith. I do not know anyone more generously inclined than he was towards charitable work. Having large means at his disposal, he made excellent use of them, for his purse was always open to give to any object brought before him as one worthy of his attention. Your Committee have asked me to fill his place, and I have accepted, although I am but an unworthy successor to my late colleague. In the first place, I have not the means at my disposal, although I have the wish to help as far as I possibly can. I did not send back my post-card, but offered to subscribe. Your Treasurer, however, said "No; you should leave that for your wife." I thought the husband and wife were one; but perhaps I have made a mistake. In the course of my life I have had a great deal to

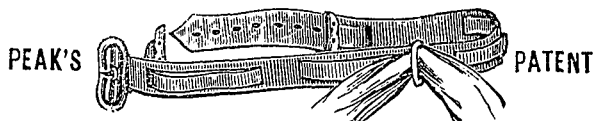
do with charities, but have never been alarmed when any one of them has been in debt, for it is sometimes rather an advantage than otherwise, for it serves to bring the Institution to the notice of the public. But debt is rather a serious thing in such a Hospital as this. Mr. Ram says, that without taking the adjoining house you could not efficiently carry on the work, but increasing the size of any premises involves the necessity of more funds. I am not going to persuade, but ask you to do your utmost to help this struggling Institution, and to try and induce others to do the same. I have taken one step myself in this direction. I have the honour to belong to the Court of one of the City Companies, and I appealed to them to help the Grosvenor Hospital, especially as I had become the President. They assented, and gave me twenty guineas at once. But that was not all—the Clerk of the Company suggested that it might be advisable to write to all the City Companies, for I should then probably get a considerable sum. I wrote personally to all, and as a result have received thirty guineas from one, and five guineas from another company, and have hopes of getting still more. I believe that one of the advantages of this Hospital is its smallness, and another—it is a point which commends itself very strongly to the patients—is that there is not a number of students in attendance. I do not want the Hospital to enlarge its borders any more; but as something in this direction has taken place of late, it would be unwise to close any of the beds. I have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report. The Resolution was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN (Lord LATHOM): I should like to say a few words to the meeting. It is a great pleasure to me, I assure you, to preside on this occasion, because I really take an interest in all good work, and particularly when the object of it is to relieve the sufferings of those who

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