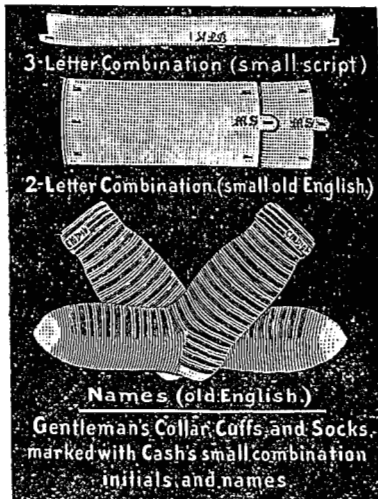


cannot afford to help themselves. I must honestly say, that until a few days ago I did not know of the existence of this Hospital; and, in my opinion, a great point will be gained by making it well-known. Lord Cross has set a good example by applying to the City Companies, which will spread the knowledge among a great number of men of the good work the Committee is doing. If every subscriber would take the same trouble to advocate the cause of the Hospital it would soon be in a flourishing condition. I went over the Hospital yesterday and was much pleased with my visit. I have had a certain amount of experience of Hospitals, and therefore know how they ought to be conducted, and know what is good and what is bad. The rooms are too small, and too low (I am sure the Committee will bear me out in that), but happily not crowded, for the greatest number in one room, or perhaps two rooms, was four beds. As far as cleanliness went there was nothing to be desired, and I was much struck with the happy, contented look on the faces of the patients. I have heard it said that these small Hospitals do harm to the larger ones, but I do not concur in that opinion. This Hospital is for the treatment of special diseases, which are treated with individual attention and great care. Better surely is this than throwing the patients promiscuously into the Wards of a large institution, where it is impossible for them to have the same rest and quiet. Another point in favour of this Hospital is that to a certain extent it is self supporting. The poor people who come to the Hospital to be looked after are quite willing to pay what they can, so surely those able to contribute ought to do what they can to help those who are trying to help themselves, and thus enable the Committee to carry out their good work in the future with unparalleled success.

Mr. F. A. BOSANQUET: My Lords, ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honour to propose to you a somewhat simple resolution, which if the framer of the agenda paper had only made a trifle longer there would have been no need for addressing you a speech. The resolution is as follows—first, that the meeting will agree to re-elect as a member of the Committee, General Sir Henry de Bathe, Bart., who retires in accordance with our rule of rotation; and further that the election of the following gentlemen who have been nominated by the Committee be confirmed by this meeting—namely, the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., Colonel Trotter, and Mr. C. F. Edwards Moss, M.P. Our chairman has said, ladies and gentlemen, that he is interested in Hospitals, and I for one believe him and for this reason. When I was a not very big boy, at one of our large schools, it was my ill-luck to be laid up in the Hospital, and that at a time when the great foot-ball match of the year was being played, upon which occasion all boys are anxious to be out in the fields. Strangely enough, when we are out of sight our friends, both as boys and men, are in the habit of forgetting us. But I remember one big boy coming to pay me a visit, and to give me a full report of the match I was unable to witness. Although under another name, that friend, for he was then a friend, is presiding over our meeting to-day. (Hear, hear.) I beg to second the resolution, first for the re-election of one of the old members of our Committee, General Sir Henry de Bathe, and further the election of the three other members, whom we hope to add to the members of our Committee. Speaking with reference to the affairs of the Hospital in general, I as one of the Committee am inclined to treat this rather as a matter of business; for after all that has been said about our Hospital, the matter will resolve itself into those cabalistic letters L.S.D. We have to economise and administer the funds which you and other friends are

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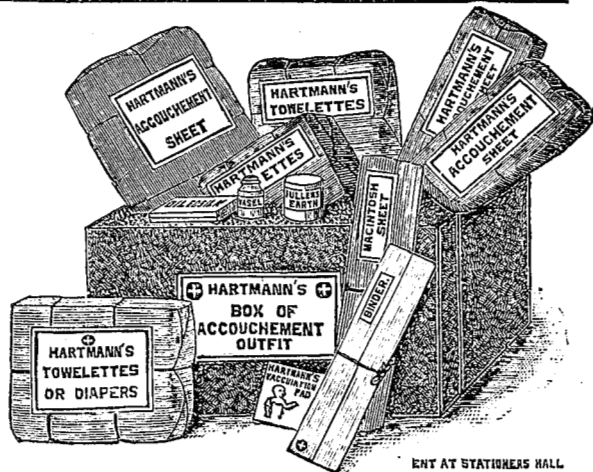


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