THE WEEKLY POST.

LINDSAY, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1902.

them, had they lived to see it, than

this, your splendid hospital .- Yours

JOHN A. BARRON.

R. A. REEVE

Noble Monument Erected by Mr. James Ross, Montreal, in Memory of His Parents.

The Opening Ceremony-An Address from the People of Victoria Replied to by Mr. Ross-A Number of Congratulatory Speeches-A Description of the Building.

being the one set apart for the opening of Ross Memorial Hospital and the presentation of the magnificently equipped institution to the people of the County by Mr. James Ross, of Montreal, as a memorial to the memory of his father and mother, who spent many years of their life as citizens of Lind-

It seemed as if Providence smiled upon the ceremony. The morning broke with the rosy flush, clear sky and hundreds of the leading people of the district flocked into town to be present at the opening and to hear the addresses at the Collegiate Institute. Flags were flying everywhere, and the premises of many of our merchants were prettily decorated with Union Jacks and bunting in honor of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross and son, Mr. Jack Ross, Mrs. Peterson, of Montreal, and several other guests, arrived from the east about noon in a private car, while a number of Toronto's leading medical men and hospital experts reached town at 10.30 in a palatial chair car attached to the east bound

OPENED WITH A GOLD KEY.

At 1.30 Mr. and Mrs. Ross drove to the Hospital. The driveway into the grounds was lined by the Collegiate Institute Cadets, who constituted a guard of honor for the occasion and looked smart and soldier-like. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were received and welcomed by the members of the Hospital Committee, including the following gentlemen: J. D. Flavelle, and yourself, as chairman of the chairman; J. R. McNeille, secretary; gift from my namesake, and I sin Judge Dean, Thos: Stewart, John Kennedy, J. B. Knowlson, Thos. Brady, Geo. Matthews, G. H. Hopkins, Sheriff McLennan, R. Kylie, J. M. McLennan, F. C. Taylor, H. J. Lytle, Jas. Graham, Thos. Sadler, Alex. Ross. Richard Sylvester, J. A. Paddon, Robt. Ross, Wm. Flavelle, R. Bryans, Mayor Ingle, W. F. Sutcliffe, A Campbell, W. Dundas, W. T. C. Boyd, Wm. Channon, J. G. Edwards, Warden Austin, M. M. Boyd, A. E. Gregory, S. Britton and S. J. Fox, M.P.P.

The chairman, Mr. J. D. Flavelle, presented Mrs. Ross with a gold latch key, bearing a suitable inscription, and made a faw remarks of a felicitous nature, which the smiling and gracious recipient suitably acknowledged and then, unlocking the doors, in clear tones she declared the hospital "open" to the public. This ceremony was followed by the formal presentation of the deed of gift by Mr. Ross to the Warden of the County, Mr. John Austin, to be administered by the following Board of Governors: The Warden of the County, the Mayor of Lindsay, Mr. J. D. Flavelle, Mr. J. R. McNeillie, Mr. T. Stewart, Mr. R. Bryans, Mrs. J. C. Grace.

Magnificent bouquets of fragrant roses were then presented to Mis. Ross and Mrs. Peterson, and a third boquet was reserved to be sent to Mrs. J. C. Grace, a sister of Mr. James Ross, who has taken a deep interest in the Hospital from its inception, and whose advice and assistance were high ly valued by the Hospital Committee. Her unavoidable absence was regretted

by all. A hurried inspection of the interior of the fine building was then made, after which all repaired to the Institute to hear the addresses.

AN IMMENSE CATHERING OF CITI-ZENS AND VISITORS.

Mr. and Mrs Ross Given a Hearty Raception-Addresses and Letters of Regret from Invited Guests.

When those who witnessed the opening of the Hospital had retraced their steps to the Collegiate Institute building they found the spacious Assembly Hall already comfortably Thursday last was the day of days filled by citizens who had come early in the history of Victoria County, in order to secure the best seats. All managed to crowd in, he wever, being provided with chairs in the aisles, in front of the stage, and at the back of the curtains. Flags and bunting were everywhere displayed and imparted a bright and joyous appearance in keeping with the occa-

The entrance of Mr. and Mrs. Ross and friends was a signal for applause, which was continued whilst they were being escorted to the seats reserved for their use. Among those on the platform were Mr. J. D. Flavelle, chairman, Mr. J. R. McNeillie, and radiant promise of a June day, Drs. O'Rielly, Chamberlain, Ross, Temple, Bingham, Ryerson, Hon. F. R. Latchford, Toronto Judge and Mrs. Dean, Mayor Ingle, Warden Austin and members of the County Council, Senator Dobson, Mr. T. Stewart Rev. Rural Dean Marsh, Ven. Archdeacon Casey, Dr. Burrows, Dr. Coflison, Dr. White, Mr. C. D. Barr, Mr. Robt. Ross, Dr. Blanchard, Rev. Fr. O'Leary, Galway, Rev. Fr. Phelan, Young's Point, Dr. and Mrs. McAlpine, Mr. J. B. Knowlson, Dr. Shier, Mr. Wm. Ross, M.P., Port Perry, Mr. J. A. Paddon, Col. Deacon.

The proceedings were opened with grayer by Rev. Mr. Marsh, who in the invocation made an impressive reference to the hospital and its denor, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

Mr. J. R. McNeillie read the following messages of regret from in vited guests who were unable to at-

Toronto, 12th November, 1902. My Dear Mr. Flavelle, -- I am ver vitation to the opening of the Ross Memorial Hospital. You can understand just now that my time is very much occupied and my duties somewhat urgent. Besides, I have many other engagements which take up my time. I congratulate the town Hospital Committee, on the splendid cerely trust that he will have many mitators all over the Province. -Yours truly, G. W. ROSS.

Morrisburg, 17th Nov., 1902. Dea: Sir,-Absence from home pre vented me from receiving the kind invitation of the Hospital Committee to attend the opening of the Ross Memorial Hospital on the 20th inst. -at least prevented me from receiving it in due course. I regret this very much, as I should have; esteemed it a privilege to attend This, however, is now impossible owing to other engagements, and I can only repeat my regret and express the hope that the occasion may be as successful as the object certainly deserves .- Yours truly,

J. P. WHITNEY.

St. Peter's Cathedral,

Peterboro, Nov. 18, 1902. The Hospital Committee, Lindsay: Gentlemen,-Accept my thanks for your invitation to be present at the opening of the Ross Memorial Hospital. Though prevented by dioces an business from participating in the proceedings, I desire to express my feelings of gratitude to the gener ous and benevolent donor of this in stitution that is destined to relieve and comfort the sick and afflicted. -I remain, yours truly, R. A. O'CONNOR.

Bishop of Peterboro. Toronto, Nov. 12, 1902. Dear Mr. Flavelle,-I have received

your kind invitation to be present at the opening of the Ross Memorial Hospital. I regret exceedingly that a coming trip to New York will prevent my having the pleasure of be ing present on so interesting an cocasion, Will you kindly express my regrets to your committee, and believe me, yours faithfully, J. ROSS ROBERTSON.

Toronto, 19th Nov., 1902. Dear Mr. McNeillie, -Will you kindly convey to my friend, Mr. Ross, and the Committee of the Hospital my extreme regret at being unable to join in the opening ceremony topaths in life. The Hospital will af-ford an additional object lesson for future generations of how true worth and nobility of character may attain to the highest position .-Faithfully. SAM. HUGHES.

Toronto, Nov. 18, 11902. My Dear Sir,-I am sorry to say that it is impossible for me to nccept your kind invitation to be present at the Ross Hospital opening. I trust that you may have a very pleasant afternoon, and that the function may be as successful as it deserves to be .- Faithfully yours, W. R. MEREDITH.

J. D. Flavelle, esq., Lindsay.

Toronto, Nov. 20, 1902. J. R. McNeillie, Lindsay: Regret my inability to accept your kind invitation to attend the opening exercises, Trusting the beneficient future its projectors expect will be realized,-Nours, etc.,

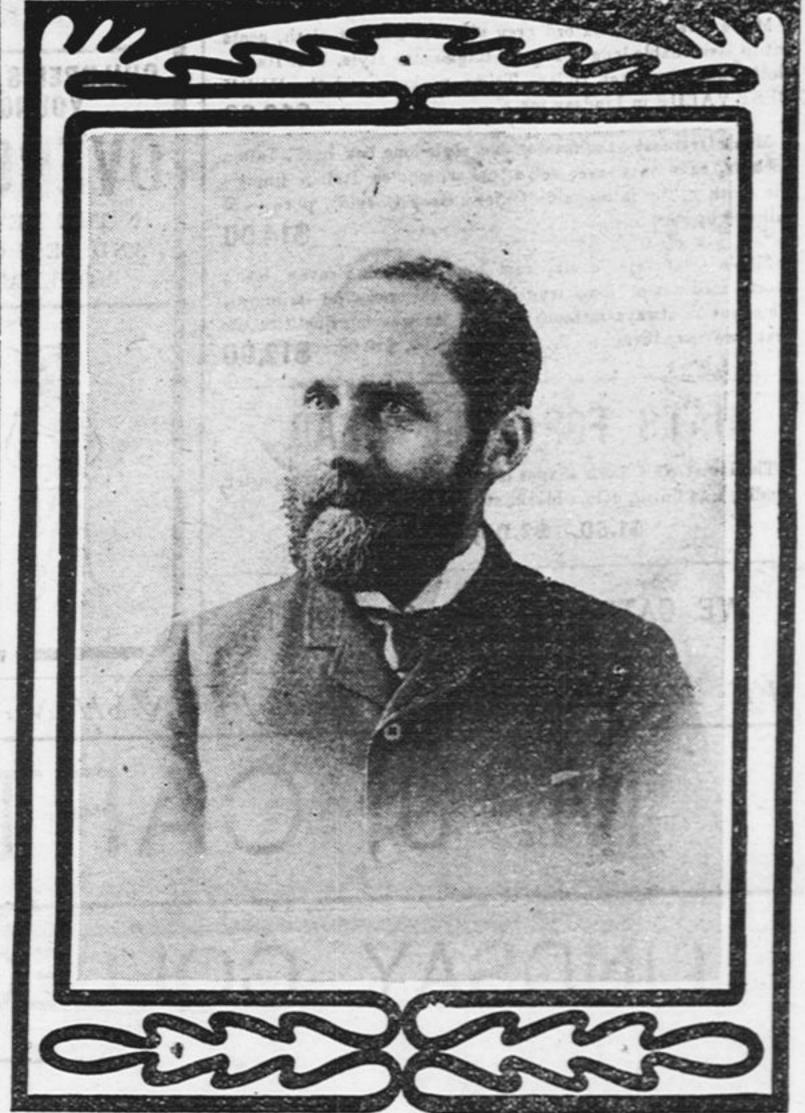
Toronto, Nov. 20, 1902. J. R. McNeillie, Lindsay : Very sorry I overlooked kind in

vitation of Hospital Committee for

opening of Hospital to-day, and regret being unable to attend.

The Montreal Board of Trade. Montreal, Nov. 19, 1902. To Ross Hospital Committee, Lind-

Gentleman,-I beg, on behalf of the President of this Board, Mr. Alexander McFee, to acknowledge with thanks your invitation to him to be present at the opening of the Ross Memorial Hospital, and to say how



MR. JAMES ROSS, MONTREAL, THE DONOR.

Montreal, Nov. 18th, 1902.

J. R. McNeillie, Lindsay; very sorry impossible to be with you sorry I cannot accept your kind in- at opening of Ross Memorial Hospital Thursday. Should have liked to join people of Lindsay in expressions of gratitude to donor for princely gift. F. G. RODDICK.

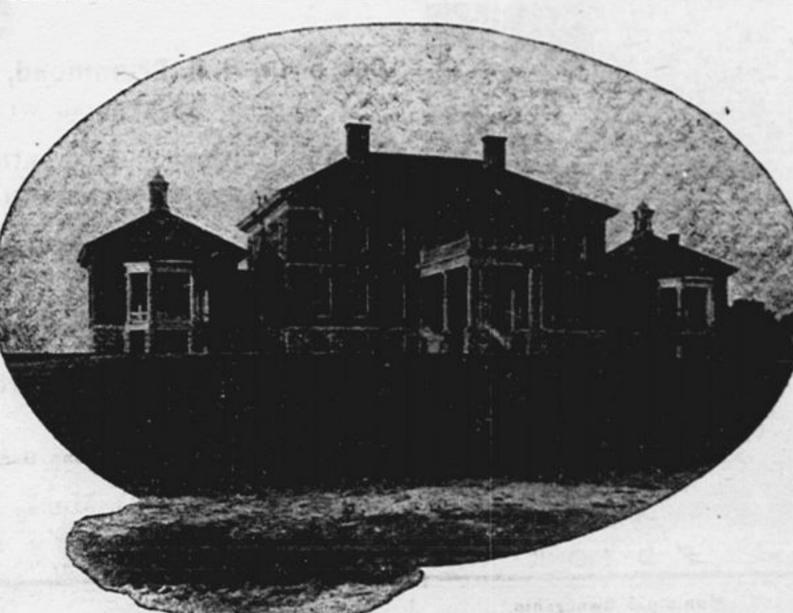
> Stratford, 17th Nov., 1902. Dear Mr. McNeillie,-It is a great disht pointment to each one of my family that official work, keeps me here on Thursday next, and prevents my being with you all at one of the most important and auspicious erochs in the history, ct my old county, and of the town of Lindsny. The word "congratulations" is too weak a word to apply to the great

much he regrets that he finds it im possible to accept the same.-Yours GEO. WADRILL, Sec.

> Judge's Chamber, Whitby, November 15, 1902.

His Honor Judge Dean, Lindsay: My Dear Judge, - 1 write you to excress my appreciation of the invitation to be present on the occasion of the opening ceremonies of the Ross Memorial Hospital on the 20th inst., and my very sincere regret that I cannot attend, as my Courts are fixed for that week. I desire you to convey to Mr. Ross in some way my congratulations forthis publie munificence and filial devotion to his father and mother, for both of whom I had the greatest esteem and restect.

event in which humanity is so much I I think it was Burke who said that



THE ROSS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

concerned and by which so much benefitted. To the generous benefactor who, in his prosperity, thus remembers his former associations, all are indebted beyond the possibility of measure. The Hospital authorities here speak of your equipment throughout as something extravagantly perfect, and far excelling that of any other hospital of a like caracity. Then, too, those of us who knew the good and genuine man and woman-the father and mother of the man who does all this,-delight to know that their names will hereafter be humanely associated with The example and inspiring influ- the history of the county, and this ence of Mr. James Ross have ever because we know that no one memorbeen potent factors in impelling the lal could have been given that would young men and women of Victoria to have more pleased and gratified

chivalry was dead. It is now over one hundred years since Burke was mistaken. If, as I think, chivalry in its best and noblest significance is the enthusiasm of the strong for the rights of the weak and unfortunate, it is not dead-its form only has changed. Instead of knights cavaliers devoted to lady or lord, the actors are such; men as Howard, Wilberforce, Romilly, Shaftesbury, Strathcona, Carnegie, Rhodes and Ross, champions of the oppressed, un-fortunate and needy, who build hospitals, endow colleges and establish scholarships and schools.

The occasion and circumstances under which you shall gather to the opening coremonies of the Ross Mem-

from, but towards its Golden Age, and that we, In our various places and vocations, can do something to accelerate its progress Though not in person I will be with you in

spirit .- Yours truly, D. J. MCINTYRE.

Toronto, Nov. 17, 1902. Dear Mr. McNeillie :- On my return from New York this morning I find your invitation to be present at the opening of the Ross Hospital. regret very much that important engagements this week will prevent my going down, as I should very much like to be present on the oc. casion.-Yours truly,

W. D. MATTHEWS

THE ADDRESSES.

Chairman Flavelle said that no

doubt all were aware of the object of the gathering, and it would be unnecessary for him to refer to it. He was aware of the rule that a chairman's remarks should be brief, but at the risk of offending he wished ed to say more than a lew words. A little over two years ago it was hinted to a few citizens of Lindsay that Mr. Ross might-providing cer tain conditions were met-be willing to erect a hospital in Lindsay. suggestion was taken hold of, but when Mr. Ross was approached he said, "What have the people of Lindsay and county done? I'm not going to erect a monument of brick and mortar and make you a present of it unless you can guarantee a maintenance fund." We came back and set to work, with the result that we were soon able to assure Mr. Ross that we could comply with his condition. The endowment fund now amounts to about \$16,000, and will grow. When we realize the vastness of Mr. Ross' financial concerns, and the constant calls upon his time and attention, it excites wonder to think that he could find leisure to devote fossible, and he felt very deeply in to his new undertaking, yet he gave debted to that gentleman. He then to every detail connected with the | continued: "I have to thank you as building and equipment his close and the representative of the people of persistent attention. The Hospital is Lindsay and the County of Victoria now completed, and he felt safe in for the sympathetic interest you have saying that the wildest hopes and all from its first inception exhibitexpectations of Lindsay medical men ed in this hospital, for the valuable and citizens had never reached the assistance which many of you, rinnacle of perfection represented in especially my friend, Mr. Flavelle, the building. (Applause.) Mr. Ross bave accorded to the work of its erhad never questioned the cost of any-

they were devoting to such noble purposes, would ever remain with them. (Loud applause.) The County's Tribute. Warden Austin, on behalf of the County Council and ctiizens of Vic toria, read the following address and presented a handsomely illuminat-

a member of the Board of Governors.

In closing Mr. Flavelle assured Mr.

county and town would pray that

the wonderful prosperity with which

they were now blessed, and which

unduly increase the responsibilities

of the Board of Governors. He would

be a churl indeed who failed to ab-

preciate the value of the great gift.

and he felt that he could assure Mr.

noble institution would be well main-

tained-he felt that the reople of

To JAMES ROSS, Esquire. Sir, -- As the representative of the reople of the County of Victoria have great pleasure in accepting the princely gift which you are today bestawing upon us. We are pleased and grateful to know that you remember se kindly your former friends and neighbors, and that you show such confidence in us as to commit into our hands this most complete and efficient and truly magnificent Hospital.

ed and bound copy to Mr. Ross;

It is now more than a quarter of a century since you came among us in the vigor of young manhood, and carried to a successful conclusion the | civic progressiveness of the County building of the Victoria Railway. It of Victoria and Town of Lindsay. was not difficult then to predict your subsequent career. Your skill and energy, the aptness of your business methods, your courage and enterprise revealed the character out of which has come the success you have since achieved.

It was here that your parents spent the years of their old age, and many pleasant memories of their kindly and genial personality still linger with us. It was here that you formerly dwelt, well-loved of your friends and respected by all. It was here that you firmly planted the foot of the ladder upon which you have risen to a financial eminence reached by but few of our countrymen. Nothing could be more fitting and graceful than that, in this place, you should call back into life, and forever

sociations. You may rest assured that this act of yours will erect a monument more enduring than brick and stone. The purpose is greater than its material expression; and the spirit which dedicates this building as a memorial of the past, and a blessing for the future, will outlive even its solid walls. Your deed of benevolence will continue to shine even aforial Hospital tend to convince us | ter its beauty and strength have, in

the lapse of years, decayed and per.

The County of Victoria has always been proud of you as one of her sons, but from this time on she will have a more constant, lasting and affectionate regard for you.

In erecting this house for the nursing and cure of the sick you have done us a service which we could not have hoped to have done for ourselves. And you have done it after a fashion which is more than liberal. You have made this institution in the highest degree worthy of its beneficent and holy purpose. It is ample in size, handsome in appear. ance, completely furnished in every detail, equipped with every medical and surgical appliance which the physician's art could desire, thoroughly fitted to afford every human chance for the relief and restoration of the sick. You may be confident that the responsibility of, its proper employment will be gladly assumed. and faithfully carried out, by the Municipal Councils and the people of this County.

We cannot venture further upon an expression of the admiration and gratitude we all feet towards yourself for this magnificent gift. We can only wish for yourself, for Mrs. Ross and your family, continued prosperity and every happiness which it is given to men to enjoy. JOHN AUSTIN, Warden. Lindsay, November 20th, 1902.

Stirred His Heart. Mr. Ross, on rising, said the feelings that had been aroused by the remarks of Mr. Flavelle, and the words of the address just read, almost prevented him from saying anything Without Mr. Flavelle's active assistance and support he would have found his task of supervising the affairs of the hospital well nigh imection, and now on its succeassful thing deemed necessary, but had completion for the kind expression criticized everything that tended to which you Mr. Warden, on behalf of the community, have proffered towards myself. If I needed any recompense for the part I have taken the matter I have it here in the knowledge of the good wishes and Ross before his departure that his kindly feelings of you, my old friends of disease or accident. They and neighbors. That I *hould cher- find Miss Scott, the lady s ish the memory of my parents-of tendent, a very capable per the town and county would take a my father and mother-is but natgride in the work. Those who had ural and fitting, that I should thereby already contributed to the endow- be inspired with the tenderest recol- and he believed that a bette ment fund were deserving of praise, lections of this place, which was our ified person for the positive and particularly the outsiders who home, is inevitable; but that had given very liberal amounts. He should find in you a responsive symgathy so eloquent and sincere binds Grace, who had not spared herself in me with even fuller attachment to any way in aiding the Hospital Com- the district and the reople, and gives P. for South Ontario, said mittee. Her assistance and advice me a complete assurance of your inspected the Hospital amor active support and ready helpful- before it was completed, b he was glad that she was now ness in carying out the good work pleased to have another opportunity which it is the intention of the pro- to see it in its finished state jectors this hospital should accom- to note the perfection every and Mrs. Ross that the people of the Flish.

You have in flattering terms refer- according to the psalmist-it ed to my advent among you some the giver as well as the reage 25 years ago; and, for my part, I can say, for my wife as well as for my- not so to-day, and in the Ross self, that those days of 25 years ago orial Hospital sufferers week when life's battle had just begun all that medical and sur and everything lay yet before us unachieved, were not among the least and disease. He wished to to pleasant of our lives, but rather the citizens of Victoria Coun were those which now we should be congratulations of the people a truism to sard that the bar and sard that the a truism to say that the best ben- the province. (Applause.) eficence is that which has in view the giving to its recipients the occas. nounced the Ross Hospitalat It was I know in this themselves his knowledge of Miss Scot It was I know in this practical form qualities he could assure that my parents would have striven of Governors that they have to benefit others, and it has accord- son to felicitate themselves ingly been my ambition that this gift wise enough of this come of mine, as a suitable memorial to feel deeply grateful to Mr. their memory, should to some mod- Toronte there was need of a est extent at least embody this idea ening on the part of wealth, and, in conjunction with its direct perhaps the Lindsay example beneficient purposes be beneficient purposes by beneficient purpose, be an additional understood that Lindsay incentive to the self-reliance and had its inception in ara This, I am confident, it will be, be- sult cause I are already been witness of | was bound the energetic work accomplished by your Hospital Committee, and have now, through the ready assurances Budge Dean, in opening, given by your representative, an the sarprising changes that is earnest of your future interestiand byrought in the Hospital gri Mrs. Ross, my jamily and mentalf of way of doing things not know Mrs. Ross, my lamily and myself, con- others. He (Judge Bean) had cluded Mr. Ross, may I be permitted a leisurely to say that the hospital will forever the building and equipment. be to us an additional link binding Williams Pink Pills (Laugh us to our old friends and our old home at Lindsay.

The Other Speakers.

Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector of Hosestablish, the fragrance and charm pitals and Prisons for Ontario, was next called on. In his opening re marks he supressed his pleasure at be venerated and his parents nill being able to be present and con- ways be remembered. (Applaced gratulate all concerned on the crection and equipment of such a mag- which he introduced several nificent hospital—it was the duty and stories. So much had been said right of all to be grateful to the reference to Mr. Ross' valuable of specifing hospitals for a number of to add, The speakers had made to add, the speakers had specting hospitals for a number of I years, and could say with perfect

largest institution of the kind the most perfectly equipped (Applause.) He would like nice little building for isolate poses. (Applause.) It need large-sufficient room to a date a dozen patients would swer. He felt certain that would be taken on the suggestion cause the people were in a to do so, having not only a hospital free of incumbrance, endowment fund of about 89 its back. It might not be a warn the Board of Governon they should not allow their to exceed the expenditure, as y event they might lose their ment grant. (Langhter) To er closed with a culogistic ence to Mr. Rose' generosity nal devotion. Dr. Bingham, of Toronto, dies

any intention of making av but could not refrain from ulating the town of Links sessing such a loyal son-a m represented all that was good strenuous business life of might well rejoice in the of so grand a building, and well equipped. In this content wished to say to the make of the town that they would fell anything short of firstely Dr. Tempie, of Toronto, said made a very careful inspection

Ross Memorial Hospital and w lighted with everything he -from basement to top str thing was lacking, and the! ing and equipment had plain carried out irrespective of my Ross had lived to see the sr many of his financial schem now that he had become idwith Lindsay Hospital his ! would be turned in a new di and he would take a pride it occasionally that his rhilant venture was successful also. medical men of the town m felt touly grateful for the n forded them of being able to been very butpy in their

visible. Such a gift is twice! refugnant to the people, but

(Applause.)

displayed by Mr. Ross in raising the town and county owe Mr. years roll by. His name will Dr. Ryerson of Toronto, make a omission, however,—they had period