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under the presidency of Dr. Parker at the Memorial Hall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously: "We unite in sympathy with Mr. Gladstone in his present sufferings, and in earnest prayer that he may be granted full relief, and may be spared yet awhile for usefulness in the world, which, during his long career, by high character and eminent services in many ways, he has done so much to benefit."

In reply to this resolution, the Rev. Stephen Gladstone wrote the following interesting letter:—

"DEAR SIR,—Yesterday I had the opportunity of naming the subject of your kind letter to Mr. Gladstone. He desired me in emphatic terms to thank you and all those members of the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations who joined in sending such a welcome and affectionate message to him in the hour of his suffering, and to say that he is most cordially grateful for their prayers at this time. You may like to associate with this message of his the fact that he repeated, with his own emphasis, the words of the last verse of the 150th Psalm, on the same occasion. I need not say that Mrs. Gladstone, and all the family also, deeply appreciate this very practical sympathy of earnest intercession."

The *British Medical Journal* stated that Sir Thomas Smith was unable, having regard to Mr. Gladstone's advanced age, to advise any operation for the local condition, which was, unfortunately, of such a nature that the resources of medical art could not do more than afford relief. Happily it was possible to do a great deal to mitigate the neuralgia by which the nerves of the face had been affected for some time past. His strength was still maintained, appetite was good, and he was happy to be once more amid the familiar surroundings of his home.

At a large meeting held in the Mansion House in aid of the social work of the Salvation Army, Mr. Herbert Gladstone presided, and several allusions were made to the sickness of his father. In the course of her eloquent speech, Mrs. Bramwell Booth said:—

"I thank you, Mr. Gladstone, for the words you have spoken, especially when your thoughts and heart must be burdened with great anxiety. I am sure we all share with you the desire, if it may be so, that it may yet pass away, if God will. God bless dear Mr. Gladstone. Amen."

A fervent "Amen" was repeated by the entire audience. Sir Algernon West, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. H. Gladstone, said with the father of their chairman now at the close of his honoured life, was the love, the affection, the blessing, and the prayers of every Englishman in the country.