

The bequests which have been received in former years are included in the deposit receipt which appears as a part of the balance in the Treasurer's hands.

The following letter was received from the Secretary of the Dispensary, and in response the sum of thirty dollars was handed the Directors of the Dispensary, to be expended on behalf of sick poor under the supervision of the medical gentlemen in charge, with an intimation that a further sum would be voted when required. It has afforded your Directors much pleasure to be thus able to minister to pressing cases of want of proper nourishment during sickness.

Extract from the Report of the Medical Board of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, 1882 :

"In former reports attention has been called to the fact that in many cases *proper nourishment* was of greater necessity than medicine. We suggest that a basis of co-operation should be established between the visiting physicians and the 'societies for improving the condition of the poor,' so that the physician might be in a position to supply nourishment when needed, as agents of those societies, and at the same time inform them concerning persons who feign sickness to obtain relief—a very common practice."

HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY, }
March 9th, 1883.

D. BLACKWOOD, ESQ., *Secretary Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor :*

DEAR SIR,—By request of the Directors of the Dispensary, I beg to enclose you a recommendation made by the physicians in their annual report of 1882, relative to the means of supplying suitable food to the sick poor in certain cases. This matter has been several times brought to the notice of the Board by the Medical Staff of the Dispensary, but they have not been in a position to deal with it, for the reasons :

1st, That it is not one of the objects contemplated or provided for by the Dispensary Society ; 2nd, That the funds and resources of the Dispensary are too limited and precarious to admit of such an undertaking ; and 3rd, That it would be