

and the Directors would have this meeting and the public ponder well—read, mark, learn and digest, if they can, the benefit conferred on the poverty stricken members of this community by what has been done by the Halifax Dispensary since its establishment. Here we find nearly 3000 applicants for advice by those who had not a cent to pay for it. We have 673 patients attended in their garrets and cellars, by regularly educated physicians, who have paid to these 600 no less than 201 special visits. Then we have 6,217 doses of all sorts, colors and flavor sent forth, after being duly mixed and compounded by Mr. Putner in his back shop, (not bigger than a respectable closet,) to contend with the fearfully long list of diseases of unpronounceable names, enumerated by the Faculty in their Report, amounting to about 150 different kinds, of the ills which our poor flesh is heir to, and occupying two pages of foolscap. All this is very quickly written down and soon listened to; but let it be remembered that it gives us a bird's eye view of the labors, mental and physical, of a few worthy medical men during the 365 days of 1871, having their head-quarters in that miserably equipped, cramped up, unwholesome, and every way unsuitable tenement, which we are still unhappily obliged to call the Halifax Dispensary, and to which we would be ashamed to invite a stranger to accompany us. The Directors feel that the whole community of Halifax are under lasting obligations to the medical fraternity connected with the Institution, for their almost entirely unpaid services, whereby, it cannot be doubted, that not only much actual suffering has been ameliorated, but the prevalence of dangerous epidemics has been prevented by the timely enforcement of cleanliness and other sanitary auxiliaries.

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