

from the government, city and Dartmouth are only sufficient to meet one-third of the current expenses—the balance must come therefore from

#### THE PURSES OF THE BENEVOLENT AND CHARITABLE.

With a view to utilizing the large portion of the building which has remained unfinished since its erection, the board deemed it advisable to have it put in the same order and condition as the other apartments heretofore occupied. The completed space has been let to the Halifax Medical College library for a term of years. The necessity of a more suitable and efficient mode of heating induced the directors to adopt the hot water system, which has proved as anticipated more comfortable, cleanly and healthful than the old furnace and stoves. The outside of the building likewise required repairs, which have been made as far as at present needed. These expenditures.

#### DREW UPON THE SMALL RESERVE FUND

heavily, and the board earnestly hope that kind friends will make a note of this and assist in replacing the amount used. The directors are gratified to observe that the city fathers reconsidered their intention to cut off or reduce the annual grants for charitable purposes and have continued the grant to the dispensary. Any material diminution of the income now received would seriously impair the usefulness of the institution. Aside from the regular daily attention to the requirements of the sick poor the active staff, in conjunction with the consulting physicians, stand

#### READY TO GRAPPLE WITH ANY PREVAILING EPIDEMIC

among the poor of the city. Close the dispensary and where, how and when would that large class of our people obtain, as now, medical advice and treatment free of cost?

While offering sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the support of the dispensary, the directors hopefully ask for the continued sympathy and financial aid of all good citizens, so that its work may be carried on uninterruptedly in succeeding years.

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