

an annual collection, in all the churches, for the special object of raising a fund, to be devoted to the erection of a building for Dispensary purposes. At present a large portion of the funds is applied to the payment of a yearly rental which, otherwise, could be devoted to the furtherance of the objects of the Institution.

The Medical Board again feel it their duty to call attention to the sanitary condition of the premises occupied, more particularly, by the labouring classes, which are, in very many cases, unfit for human habitation. A large amount of the disease amongst the class referred to may be attributed to these conditions. We do not, of course, expect that a remedy can at once be applied by the Directors of this Institution, yet we believe that their influence might be used and proper legislation be obtained, which would tend to remedy an evil the immensity of which is not apparent to a casual observer.

We think that the benefits of this Institution might be extended by establishing, in connection with it, an Infirmary for the treatment of lying-in women and the diseases of children, a want which is very much felt at present, and which is very inadequately supplied by the Poors' Asylum. In a large number of cases of this kind, the want of proper nursing, combined with the unsuitable accomodation afforded at their homes, renders futile, in a great measure, the efforts of the Physician to alleviate or cure the patient, and we have no doubt but that any action, by the Directors, in this matter, would receive the support of the community at large.

The Medical Board cannot conclude their Report without referring to the continued zeal manifested by the Apothecary, Mr. Puttner, in the discharge of his duties, in addition to which he still performs the duties incident to the Dental department.

The usual tabular statement of diseases and accidents, causes of death, &c., is subjoined :

The entire number of Patients treated who have applied at the			
	Dispensary more than once.....	1953	
" " "	" Applications.....	3707	
" " "	" Patients treated at Dispensary.....	981	
" " "	" " visited at their homes.....	562	
" " "	" Dental cases.....	410	1953