

doubt have given the person the benefit of the doubt. It would seem more fitting that your Board of Directors should take charge of this part of the work, spending 15 or 20 minutes of each day going over the applicants. With each Director taking a week at a time, no one would be unduly taxed.

I have much pleasure in submitting the foregoing for your consideration.

STEPHEN DODGE, M. D.

REPORT OF THE DARTMOUTH BRANCH.

The following table indicates the work performed by the Dartmouth Branch during the year :—

No. of patients.....	194
No. of visits.....	424
No. of consultations.....	306
No. of teeth extracted.....	16
No. of deaths.....	9

The above figures indicate about the same amount of work as last year. This would have been less, however, had it not been for a serious epidemic of scarlet fever which prevailed during the spring and summer, which took away four little patients and made the death rate higher than usual. This epidemic was followed by one of measles. There was therefore a great deal of sickness among the children.

A PRACTICAL PROPOSAL.

One suggestion I would made, though perhaps funds do not permit of its being carried out. Medicines can only be got here from the City Central Dispensary once a day, in the morning, and not on Sunday. The Halifax poor can obtain it from there in the evening as well as in the morning. In urgent cases, which occur very rarely, I have ordered prescriptions from Dartmouth druggists for the service at my own expense. If the Dartmouth physician was authorized by the Directors, in a case of emergency, to obtain medicine from a local druggist selected by them with whom some reduced rate of charge for drugs could be arranged, the cost would be very little in a year, and the service rendered more effective. I would not, however, for a moment favor any disturbance of the present relations between Dartmouth and the central.

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