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TORONTO GENERAL DISPENSARY

AND

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

GENERAL REPORT FOR 1852.

The Committee of the Toronto General Dispensary and Lying-in-Hospital respectfully submit to the Public their Annual Report of the progress and finances of the Institution for the year 1851 :

Your Committee have to acknowledge, with gratitude to **ALMIGHTY GOD**, that during the year this city has been peculiarly exempt from epidemic diseases of a malignant character, and, indeed, from disease in general. Still, the applications for relief at the Dispensary have nearly attained the former yearly average. Your Committee refer to the Annual Report of the medical attendants for the details of this department. One circumstance is worthy of remark,—although the direction of the institution has been assumed by the Church of England subscribers: the proportion of other denominations who continue to seek for and obtain relief, remains the same as formerly.

In the Lying-in-Hospital, it will be observed, that the total number of patients delivered is not as great as last year,—a result arising from the unfortunate occurrence of a fearful and fatal disease, which rendered it necessary to close the institution for a period of ten weeks, at a time when applications for admission were very numerous; a precaution which Dr. Hodder, the medical attendant of the charity, considered indispensable for the purification of the building and the safety of all future applicants. While your Committee deeply deplore the mortality which ensued, and which every exertion of professional skill and careful nursing could not avert, they are fully aware that it was one of those dispensations of an all-wise Providence to which similar establishments are liable in every country. It is with a sense of great thankfulness that they record the fact, of this being the first visitation of the kind which has occurred since the commencement of the institution. Your Committee refer to the subjoined Report from Dr. Hodder for the details of this department.