

The Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

REPORTS, &C. FOR 1891.

The Annual meeting of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary was held Monday, Jan. 11th, 1892, President Silver, in the chair, who spoke of the continued usefulness and increased work of the institution, referring to it as one of the best in the city and most needed for the indigent class of the people.

The Secretary read the

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1891.

The return of the season for holding the yearly meeting of subscribers and well-wishers of the dispensary requires a brief report of its progress and position from the board of directors, in conjunction with the financial abstract of the honorary treasurer. While the board have but to manage the fiscal and prudential affairs they must refer to the more practical details of the work performed by the active medical staff (contained in their report annexed) as indicating the great usefulness of this established charity and the success which, under the blessing of divine Providence, has attended their labors on behalf of the sick poor at the institution and their homes.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DIRECTORS

are to appoint from year to year competent and suitable physicians and dispenser, to see that the necessary medical and surgical requirements are duly supplied and the building kept in good condition, to secure funds sufficient to meet current expenditure and know "that every man faithfully performs his duty." In the absence of any complaint and the existing position of the other matters mentioned, the directors consider that with the exception of funds the past compares most favorably with any previous year. Their natural desire that the treasurer should be supplied with sufficient funds to meet the ever increasing outlay caused by the gradual accession of applicants for treatment leads them to remark upon the apparent failure (in part) of the plan of a simultaneous collection in all the churches on a stated day each year, called "hospital" or rather "Dispensary Sunday."

DISPENSARY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

The result of these appeals for financial aid to the several churches in the city are that the special observances of the day was not unanimous and in some congregations the collections show a considerable falling off as compared with former years. The board would recommend to their successors in office, the adoption of some method by which the moral and financial results of Dispensary Sunday may be enhanced in succeeding years.