

# The Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

## THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY, for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1892.

The Annual meeting of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary was held Monday, Jan. 9th, 1893, at 4 p.m. Among those present were W. C. Silver (President), Hon. H. H. Fuller, J. F. Kenny, Senator Power, William Robertson, A. M. Bell, Wm. Dunbar, Adam Burns (Hon. Treasurer), Robt Taylor, M. Carney, Drs. Crawford, Anderson, M. A. B. Smith and Dodge, W. H. Wiswell (Secretary),

The Secretary read the directors' report as follows :

### DIRECTORS' REPORT.

As an essential part of their duty to the subscribers and friends of the dispensary, the directors beg to submit a brief report in connection with its general management. For the actual and practical work performed during the past year by the physicians connected with the institution, they refer the public to the annexed reports of the medical staff. These reports will show the

### GREAT AND SUCCESSFUL WORK

among the indigent poor of the city which is accomplished by this institution. A very large number have had the benefit of medical treatment and prescriptions. All applicants entitled (and some not entitled, possibly, the doctors being disposed to interpret the rules liberally) have received those benefits and not a single complaint has been made to the board in this connection. In fact the medical staff have so satisfactorily performed their duties that the directors deemed it good policy and an act of justice to re-appoint them all for the coming year.

The number of cases requiring medical treatment has been greater than usual.

### THE GROWING FINANCIAL NEEDS

of the dispensary and the lessening yearly response from voluntary sources to meet them, cause the directors much anxiety. The year 1892 shows a decrease, as will appear in the treasurer's report annexed, in subscriptions and donations; also the dispensary Sunday collections in several churches show a large falling off in this respect, and a number have made no appeal or returns up to the present date. It must be understood that the annual grants