

a substantial interest in the welfare and progress of the Dispensary by their contributions and good will, and also the general public who appreciate or patronise it,—on the flourishing condition of its finances, which they hoped would continue. But last year has witnessed a change in this respect. While there is good ground for thankfulness, that through the blessing of God, the financial requirements have been met as regards current expenses, and that He has accompanied with more than usual favor its special work among the classes who so largely use and benefit by this charity, yet the Treasurer's account shews on the credit side a considerable falling off in receipts from private sources, and from the collections made on Hospital Sunday, as compared with previous years.

No doubt allowances should be made for the depressed state of business, and the hard times which the majority complain of. There is also another cause of loss which excites a feeling of much deeper regret—the removal of old, well tried friends and sympathizers, by the summons of the ruthless spoiler—Death. Scanning the records of the past and previous year, the number of staunch friends who were ever ready to give liberally and advise wisely, and who are now no more, is much larger than would at first be supposed.

One of the official staff of the Dispensary, Mr. Charles Fletcher, who was for nearly twelve years its efficient and painstaking Secretary, and also a member of this Board, was thus called away, a man well known and much esteemed, whose services in this connection will be long remembered by many in the community.

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