

## OUTDOOR REPORT.

District.	Doctor.	Patients.	Visits.	Deaths.
South.....	Fraser,	245	1,044	9
Central.....	Lathern,	480	1,764	9
First north....	Ryan,	460	1,934	8
Second north..	McKay,	215	872	3

## Dartmouth Branch, 1888.

No of patients.....	170
" Visits.....	431
" Consultations.....	185
" Teeth extracted.....	23
" Deaths.....	4

## DEATHS.

Carcinoma, stomach... ..	2
Gangrene, senile.....	1
Senectus.....	1

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It will appear from the above that the work done during the past year has been above the average. This is partly due to the prevalence of an epidemic of whooping cough and measles during the latter half of the year. The complications and sequels of whooping cough and measles among the poorer classes required for more attention than the number of these diseases reported in the annexed tables would seem to indicate. As another cause of the increased work of the year the staff would mention the fact that many besides *bona fide* paupers take advantage of the gratuitous work of the institution. Under the present regulations the power of weeding out the well-to-do is vested in the members of the staff, but experience has shown that the exercise of this power is always accompanied with a great deal of uncertainty and unpleasantness; it is seldom therefore resorted to, and the staff would recommend some other method of dispensing public charity than that now in vogue in the institution. It would be well in this respect to follow the method of similar institutions abroad. The large number of prescriptions, 14,265,